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ABOUT THE COVER

The first portion of the building, known as Central School, was erected in 1925 at a cost of $75,000.00. The new section, known as South Berwick Memorial Civic Center, was erected in 1952 at a cost of $142,000.00.

This building now has twelve classrooms, Town Offices, Superintendent of Schools Offices, Municipal Court Room, and a large gymnasium, second to none in the State for a Town the size of South Berwick.

The estimated replacement value of the building as it now stands is between $275,000 and $300,000.

Town of
South Berwick, Maine

February 1, 1954

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of South Berwick:

In preparing this, my first annual report as your Town Manager, I have tried to present to you the financial transactions of the Town as fully as possible and at the same time simplifying the report.

During the ten months that I have worked with the Board of Selectmen I have found them to be very cooperative and always trying to work for the best interests of South Berwick.

In preparing the 1954 budget I realize that the present debt is quite a tax burden. Keeping this in mind, I have tried to figure a budget to supply the needs of the Town and at the same time not increase your taxes.

You will find me always ready and willing to listen to any suggestions or just criticisms which will be for the betterment of South Berwick.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for the delightful manner shown in accepting Mrs. Gullifer and myself to South Berwick.

Respectfully yours,

RONALD W. GULLIFER
Town Manager

Town Officers for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

ELECTED OFFICERS

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

	Term Expires
Reginald P. Clark	1954
William A. Bray	1954
Russell C. Goodwin	1954
Julian J. Jacyna (Chairman)	1955
Harland C. Goodwin	1956
Simeon E. Marcotte	1956
Michael J. Metrick	1956

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

F. Verrill Perkins (Chairman)	1954
Grace L. Johnson	1955
Everett F. Tozier	1956

TOWN CLERK
Kathleen Spillane

FIRE CHIEF
Albert Watkins

MODERATOR
Richard Lilly

CONSTABLE
Herbert C. Warren

APPOINTED OFFICERS

TOWN MANAGER, POOR AGENT, TREASURER, TAX COLLECTOR AND ROAD COMMISSIONER
Ronald W. Gullifer

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Howard I. Libby

POLICE CHIEF
George Mitchell

BOARD OF HEALTH
Dr. A. R. Lundin
Roy C. Goodwin
Walter R. Goding
Margaret Steadman

HEALTH OFFICER
Dr. A. R. Lundin

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
Frank Coffin

Highlights of 1953

Ronald W. Gullifer, Town Manager of Jackman, was selected to succeed Mr. Robert Weiss, who resigned as of February 1, to accept a similar position in Windsor, Conn.

Rebuilt bridge on Bennett Lot Road.

Replaced bridge on Thurrell Road.

Built new bridge on back road to York.

Repairs were made on the Great Works Bridge.

Extensive repairs were made on Town equipment.

1500 seedlings planted on Town Farm by Boy Scouts.

Town was awarded Certificate of Merit Award from Maine Publicity Bureau for outstanding local projects and activities.

Finished filling and tarring old Railroad underpasses on Knight's Pond Road.

Part of Old South Road and Spillane's Hill were tarred as planned.

Through the efforts of the Town Officers, the Town water supply has improved.

Tax rate increased $12.00 per Thousand due to new building and increased school budget.

95.4% of taxes collected when books closed December 31, 1953.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Continuing the remapping and surveying of property.

A definite program be drawn up and followed to improve road conditions in the back part of Town and plans be made to rebuild some of the Town streets.

That more organizations be urged to use the facilities of the Civic Center.

Assessors Report

	1951	1952	1953
Real Estate, Resident	$1,914,640.00	$1,911,690.00	$1,898,160.00
Real Estate, Non-Resident	520,850.00	580,820.00	559,650.00
Total Real Estate	$2,435,490.00	$2,492,510.00	$2,457,810.00
Personal Estate, Resident	$ 150,510.00	154,930.00	168,960.00
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	131,400.00	81,450.00	24,740.00
Total Personal Estate	$ 281,910.00	236,380.00	193,700.00
Total Town Valuation	$2,717,400.00	$2,728,890.00	$2,651,510.00
Total State Valuation	1,719,000.00	1,719,000.00	1,719,000.00
Appropriation Voted (from taxes)	100,211.00	114,661.00	134,629.00
Overlay	811.01	591.73	1,604.69
State Tax	12,471.08		
County Tax	3,574.31	3,574.31	3,207.79
To be raised	$ 117,067.40	$ 118,827.04	$ 139,441.48
Less Polls (@ $3.00)	$ 2,241.00	$ 2,064.00	$ 2,169.00
Less Motor Vehicle Excise	10,429.15	12,100.00	10,000.00
Less Appropriated Surplus	6,570.85	2,000.00	
Accounts Receivable Applied		4,423.00	
Raised by Property Tax	97,826.40	98,240.04	127,272.48

You will note that in the list of abatements that several old taxes, which the assessors believed uncollectable, were abated.

The law requires that each taxpayer present a true and perfect list of all taxable property to the assessors as of April 1, 1954. Your cooperation with the Board of Assessors, who receive no salary, would help keep the abatements at a minimum. Below you will find a list of abatements as granted by the Board of Assessors in 1953.

Name	Amount	Reason
Harry A. Fife	3.00	Error in assessment
Nelson Somerset	3.00	Over 70
Evelyn Dube	4.32	Error in assessment
Emma Littlefield	4.80	Error in assessment
Leonidice St. Laurent	3.00	Over 70
Charles Hussey*	3.00	Over 70
Frank W. Goodwin	3.00	Over 70
Mary & Lucy M. Lord*	5.76	Duplicate Assessment
Mary Margaret & Gertrude Doherty	4.80	Error in assessment
David Roberts	3.00	Pays poll elsewhere
Robert Robertshaw	.48	Error in assessment
Warren William Smith, Jr.	14.40	Error in assessment
Opportunity Farm	9.60	Error in assessment
Ansel Quimby	2.40	Over valued
Nicholas Metrick*	3.00	Moved out of town
Roland Dionne*	3.00	Moved out of town
Gerrish Goodwin*	14.40	Error in assessment
Mrs. Bertha Sanborn*	.36	Spanish War Veteran's Widow
Raymond Allen*	3.00	Unknown
Roland Eisan*	3.00	Unknown
Arthur Ellis*	3.00	Moved out of town
Albert E. Holmes*	3.00	Paid in Caribou
Francis Norton*	3.00	Unknown
Homer Reeves*	3.00	Unknown
Irving Rose*	3.00	Paid in North Berwick
John Boston	3.36	Error in assessment
Charles Hayden*	.36	Unknown
Mrs. Francis Norton*	3.96	Unknown
Clement Tinker	36.00	Over valuation
Ernest St. Laurent	4.80	Error in assessment
Stanley A. Williams	7.32	Error in assessment
Everett Goodwin	4.80	Error in assessment
Flynn's Market*	14.40	Over valued
Clarence Tuttle*	3.48	Double Taxation

Wesley J. Freeman	3.00	In service
Mrs. Florence E. Holmes	5.28	Error in assessment
George E. Emery	3.00	Over age
George Shevelin	28.32	Error in assessment
Frank Winn	3.00	Deceased
Charles Noyes	9.60	Over valued
George Monroe, Jr.	3.00	Disabled veteran
William Rousseau	3.00	Disabled veteran
Robert Roderick	3.00	Disabled veteran
Coleman York	3.00	Disabled veteran
Mary McIntire	.48	Error in assessment
Charles Hussey	3.00	Over age
Zennie Holmes	5.28	Error in assessment
Vera Hasty	4.80	Error in assessment
William Joy*	.40	Error

* 1952

PRIOR YEARS' ABATEMENTS

Name	Amount	Year	Reason
Ray B. Bickford	$17.16	Prior to 1931	Deceased
James Cheney	5.80	1935	Deceased
Charles Coffin	9.00	1931, '38 '39	Deceased
Charles Downing	6.00	1938, 1939	Deceased
George Follette	.31	1939	Uncollectable
Inez Freeman	.36	1950	Uncollectable
Leroy Giles	.36	1950	Uncollectable
Everett Gray	.39	1949	Uncollectable
Forest Gray	.77	1949	Uncollectable
Sarah Goodwin	.39	1949	Deceased
Gale Brothers	19.50	Prior to 1931	Uncollectable
Joshie Littlefield	31.94	Prior to 1931	Deceased
Emma Littlefield	.03	1949	Uncollectable
Russell Merchant	.08	1949	Uncollectable
Horace Neal	15.35	Prior to 1931	Deceased
George Rollins	3.00	1937	Deceased
William Stackpole	13.00	1936 '37 '38 '39, 1940	Deceased
Raymond Tremblay	.39	1949	Uncollectable
Bartlett Walton	34.93	1940	Deceased
Leon Williams	.81	1948	Uncollectable
Joseph Wood	3.00	1939	Deceased
Berton Wyman	.39	1949	Uncollectable
Ben Joy, Jr.	.39	1949	Uncollectable
Mildred Peabody	.39	1949	Uncollectable
Antonio Roux	.39	1949	Uncollectable

John Soucier	.39	1949	Uncollectable
Mrs. Oliver Warren Heirs	5.00	Prior to 1931	Uncollectable
John A. Dennett Heirs	22.27	Prior to 1931	Uncollectable
Abbey L. Hanscomb Heirs	30.62	Prior to 1931	Uncollectable
Ivory D. Joy Heirs	9.98	Prior to 1931	Uncollectable

Total 1953 Abatements	$189.96
Total 1952 Abatements	73.00
Prior Years Abatements	232.39
Total Abatements	$495.35

Report of Town Clerk

Year ending 1953

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

208	Males	$187.20
101	Spayed	90.90
44	Females	215.60
5	Kennels	49.50
	Total amount	$543.20

Remitted to State Treasurer

REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS

Recorded for 1952

Deaths	48
Births	69
Marriages	41

Respectfully submitted,

KATHLEEN SPILLANE
Town Clerk

Report of Board of Health

March 1, 1954

The Board of Health for the Town of South Berwick, in compliance with the laws of the State of Maine, would submit the following report for the year ending February 1, 1954.

The number of notifiable diseases was:

Chicken Pox	10 reported
Whooping Cough	5 reported
Measles	14 reported
Infectious Hepatitis	3 reported
Tuberculosis	1 reported
Scarlet Fever	4 reported
German Measles	33 reported
Infectious Adenitis	3 reported

Nuisances reported to the board were two, both of which were abated.

The above tabulation, we know, does not cover all contagious diseases in South Berwick for the past year. In order to carry out a successful Health Department program, please report all notifiable diseases to this department.

A clinic for Smallpox vaccinations was held for school and pre-school children in June.

I wish to thank you for your co-operation during the past year and trust that I may rely on you for further help in the future, so that this program may be carried out correctly.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. A. R. LUNDIN
Chairman, Board of Health

General Government

Due to the salary of the Town Manager, the appropriation of the Town Officials was reduced $775.00.

The expenses of the Town Office were reduced during the year, showing a balance of $326.92.

The Incidental Account also shows a small balance of $91.43.

However, the Clerical Assistance, due to extra work necessary at the beginning of the year, shows an overdraft of $175.76.

Election expense, due to special Town Meeting, and Town Reports show small overdrafts.

The Social Security account shows an overdraft of $200.99, due to the Town voting to enter into the Social Security Act, but no provisions made for the Town's share of 1½%.

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Receipts

Appropriation	$5,390.00	
		$5,390.00

Expenditures

Fire Chief	$ 500.00	
Assistant Fire Chief	100.00	
Town Clerk	150.00	
School Board	60.00	
Board of Health	80.00	
Town Manager	3,413.17	
Town Mgr. Expenses	484.64	
Revaluation	500.00	
Unexpended Balance	102.19	
		$5,390.00

TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,200.00	
Telephone Reimb.	7.48	
		$1,207.48

Expenditures

Telephone	$ 302.50	
Rent	575.00	
Supplies	3.06	
Unexpended Balance	326.92	
		$1,207.48

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,200.00	
Lien Charges	52.97	
Tel. & R. R. Tax	15.96	
Dog License Refund	62.88	
Licenses	13.20	
Bank Stock Tax	400.69	
Misc. Reimbursements	104.83	
		$1,850.53

Expenditures

Stationery and Supplies	$ 316.06	
Printing	50.30	
Memberships	55.00	
Postage	45.22	
Audit	598.32	
Abstract and deed reg.	102.30	
Recording vital statistics	42.00	
Insurance on Town Hall	103.59	
Bonding	162.85	
Equipment Repairs	34.70	
Workmen's Comp.	33.20	
Constable	5.00	
Legal Services	55.00	
Cuts for annual report	51.92	
Misc.	103.64	
Unexpended Balance	91.43	
		$1,850.53

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE

Receipts

Appropriation	$2,000.00	
Overdraft	175.96	
		$2,175.96

Expenditures

Clerical Assistance	$2,175.96	
		$2,175.96

ELECTION EXPENSES

Receipts

Appropriation	$200.00	
Overdraft	28.75	
		$228.75

Expenditures

Election Expenses	$228.75	
		$228.75

TOWN REPORTS

Receipts

Appropriation	$700.00	
Overdraft	5.00	
		$705.00

Expenditures

Printing	$705.00	
		$705.00

SOCIAL SECURITY

Receipts

Receipts	$373.13	
Overdraft	200.99	
		$574.12

Expenditures

Expenditures	$574.12	
		$574.12

CRAFTSMAN INSURANCE

Receipts

Received from Employees	$902.40	
Due from Employees	14.60	
		$917.00

Expenditures

Paid Craftsman Ins. Co.	$917.00	
		$917.00

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements
Year ended December 31, 1953

CASH BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1953			$ 9,918.27
ADD:			
Tax Collections:			
Current Year	$123,508.77		
Prior Years	3,280.62		
Total Tax Collections		$126,789.39	
Excise Taxes:			
1953 Receipts	$ 756.67		
1954 Receipts	11,186.15		
Total Excise Taxes		$ 11,942.82	
Tax Deeds	$ 170.79		
Tax Liens	546.40		
Notes Payable	89,443.74		
Accounts Receivable	447.38		
Employees Insurance	902.40		
Withholding Taxes	2,236.04		
Social Security	347.06		
Departmental	61,814.79		
		155,908.60	
			294,640.81
TOTAL AVAILABLE			$304,559.08
DEDUCT:			
Notes Payable		$ 66,443.74	
Employees Insurance		917.00	
Withholding Taxes		2,236.04	
Social Security		574.12	
Departmental Warrants		218,148.57	
			288,319.47
CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1953			$ 16,239.61

1953 Valuation, Assessment and Collection

Year Ended December 31, 1953

Valuation:	Real Estate	Personal Property	Total
Resident	$1,898,160.00	$ 168,960.00	$2,067,120.00
Non Resident	559,650.00	24,740.00	584,390.00
Total Valuation	$2,457,810.00	$ 193,700.00	$2,651,510.00

Assessment			
Valuation x Rate			
= 2,651,510 x .048	127,272.48		
723 Polls @ 3.00	2,169.00		
Tax Committment		129,441.48	
1952 Supplemental Taxes		43.32	
1953 Supplemental Taxes		193.80	
Total Assessment charged to Collector			129,678.60
Collections and Credits:			
Cash Collections	123,549.09		
Less Refunds on overpayments	3.00		
		123,546.09	
Abatements		189.96	
			123,736.05
1953 Uncollected Taxes			$ 5,942.55

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Tax Committment as above		$ 129,441.48
Excise Tax applied		10,000.00
		$ 139,441.48
Requirements		
Appropriations	$ 134,629.00	
County Tax	3,207.79	
		137,836.79
Overlay		$ 1,604.69

Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1953

	Total	Poll	Real Estate	Pers'l
Aldridge, Donald E.	$ 3.00	3.00		
Allen, Arthur	92.16		92.16	
Barbarisi, Frank & Rose*	84.00		79.20	4.80
Barron, Lionel	3.00	3.00		
Bernier, Chas. & Mildred	127.68		122.40	5.28
Berube, Joseph	7.80	3.00		4.80
Blaisdell, Earl	3.48	3.00		.48
Blaisdell, Matthew Earl	97.92		97.92	
Boilard, Alfred	3.00	3.00		
Booth, Lois D.*	5.76			5.76
Boston, Abbie	.48			.48
Boston, Mildred	7.20		7.20	
Boulanger, Edmond	3.00	3.00		
Bowker, Edward F.	3.48	3.00		.48
Boyd, Charles	3.00	3.00		
Boyd, Delbert	5.28			5.28
Boyd, Harry	4.44	3.00	1.44	
Brown, Richard	7.80	3.00		4.80
Bubar, John	3.00	3.00		
Bubar, Floyd	3.00	3.00		
Carr, Franklin	3.48	3.00		.48
Carr, George	7.80	3.00		4.80
Carr, Roland	3.48	3.00		.48
Chagnon, Robert	3.00	3.00		
Chagnon, Romeo	3.48	3.00		.48
Chatel, Albert & Frida*	32.00		32.00	
Cheney, Richard	11.52		6.24	5.28
Cossette, David	40.80		40.32	.48
Coveney, Arvilla	60.00		60.00	
Davis, Mrs. Ben*	260.64		260.16	.48
Davis, Florence*	156.48		156.48	
Davis, Frederick*	103.80	3.00	100.32	.48
Doane, Homer	50.52	3.00	42.72	4.80
Dube, Lionel	8.28	3.00		5.28
Dube, Robert	7.80	3.00		4.80
Eldridge, Omer	8.28	3.00		5.28
Fontaine, Robert	8.28	3.00		5.28
Frechette, Robert	3.00	3.00		
Freeman, Wesley	5.28			5.28
Gagnon, Albert	5.28			5.28
Gagnon, G. & Son	36.00			36.00
Gagnon, Rose A. & Albert	223.20		223.20	

Gaudette, Henry	3.00	3.00		
Gonye, Richard	78.84	3.00	71.04	4.80
Goodwin, Lydia J.	6.24		6.24	
Goodwin, Wallingford	5.88	3.00		2.88
Grass, Arnold	2.40		2.40	
Gray, Everett	23.52		23.04	.48
Hancock, Elison	247.68		241.92	5.76
Harriman, Woodrow	3.00	3.00		
Hilliard, Mrs. Daniel	5.28			5.28
Hilton, Burpee, Jr.	3.00	3.00		
Hodgdon,Chas. C.*	7.56		7.56	
Hasty, Frances E. Heirs	17.76		17.76	
Joynes, Abbie E.*	163.68		163.20	.48
Keelty, Richard	3.00	3.00		
Kimball, Frank & Lucienne	15.84		15.36	.48
Knight, Francis*	5.28			5.28
Knight, Hollis	63.96	3.00	55.68	5.28
Knight, Keith*	113.76		108.48	5.28
LaBranche, Mrs. Vallee	5.28			5.28
LaPanne, Albanie	69.96		69.96	
LaPanne, Gilbert	57.60		52.80	4.80
Letellier, Edna	.48			.48
Locke, Arthur	5.28			5.28
Lord, Robert	120.96		115.68	5.28
McCarn, Margaret	5.28			5.28
McHugh, George	39.36		34.56	4.80
McKenzie, John	8.28	3.00		5.28
Mahoney, Howard	10.20	3.00		7.20
Marshall, Byron & Evelyn*	75.84		75.84	
Marshall, Byron & Perley	2.40		2.40	
Marshall, Byron	11.04		10.56	.48
Meehan, Harry	3.48	3.00		.48
Merchant, Russell	27.00	3.00	24.00	
Michaud, Patrick	5.28			5.28
Mick, John B., Sr.	60.48		60.00	.48
Mick, Leora W.*	101.28		101.28	
Mitchell, Melvin	5.28		5.28	
Mott, John*	3.00	3.00		
Neville, Geo. Jr. & Eleanor	115.20		109.92	5.28
Noyes, Edward	8.28	3.00		5.28
Obrey, Mildred	94.08		93.60	.48
O'Neil, Edward F. & Ethelle	4.80			4.80
O'Neil, Howard	3.48	3.00		.48

Packard, Bertha	33.60		33.60	
Perkins, Richard	8.28	3.00		5.28
Phillips, Herman	5.28			5.28
Provencal, Frank Heirs	60.48		60.48	
Provencal, Elsie	17.28			17.28
Quint, Kenneth & Eula*	41.28		41.28	
Rainville, Norman	137.28		137.28	
Raymond, Adrian	3.00	3.00		
Russell, Joseph	8.28	3.00		5.28
Salley, Willis	23.00		23.00	
Scanlon, Lillian	4.80			4.80
Schoff, Clinton	70.68	3.00		67.68
Searles, Albert	3.00	3.00		
Searles, Jack	3.48	3.00		.48
Skinner, Franklin	3.48	3.00		.48
Snow, Roger & Mary	36.96		31.68	5.28
Stackpole, John A.	.48			.48
Stillings, Marion*	.48			.48
Tremblay, Raymond & Katherine	127.80	3.00	120.00	4.80
Tuttle, Arthur	4.80			4.80
Tuttle, George E.	398.40		335.52	62.88
Vreeland, Allston & Sadie	65.53		65.53	
Vreeland, Allston	8.28	3.00		5.28
Vreeland, Eldred R.*	8.28	3.00		5.28
Walker, Herbert	8.28	3.00		5.28
Wheeler, Claire	31.80	3.00	24.00	4.80
Wilkinson, Susan	179.04		179.04	
Willard, Nellie	42.88		42.88	
Williams, Alvin H.	8.28	3.00		5.28
Williams, George A.	41.28		41.28	
Williams, Howard H.	3.00	3.00		
Williams, Howard & Ethel	23.52		23.52	
Williams, Howard	26.40		26.40	
Williams, Leon C.	3.00	3.00		
Williams, Wallace Edward	3.00	3.00		
Windle, Mrs. Albert	418.08		418.08	
Woods, Allen	7.80	3.00		4.80
Wyman, Linwood S.	18.72		18.72	
Webster, Walter & Mary*	112.80		112.80	
Bennett, Charles	63.36		63.36	
Chapman, Robert & Agnes	151.98		151.98	
Cochrane, Donald S.	66.24		66.24	

Cochrane, Donald & Everett	19.68		19.68	
Davidson, Thos. B.	36.00		36.00	
Dutch, Chester Heirs	2.40		2.40	
Eastman, Donald*	71.52		71.52	
Ellsmore, Laura	79.68		79.68	
Gauthier, Joseph	5.76		5.76	
Goodwin, Harvey M.	13.92		13.92	
Hasty, Richard*	11.04		11.04	
Hinckley, Lester	1.92		1.92	
Jacobson, Robert	12.96		12.96	
Joy, Guy P.	2.40		2.40	
Littman, W. I.*	6.24		6.24	
Lord, Woodbury, Heirs	2.88		2.88	
Lord, Arthur	9.60		9.60	
Lord, Woodbury	17.28		17.28	
McClure, Mrs. John	70.08		70.08	
MacKenzie, Harry*	1.92		1.92	
Manson, J. Lester	3.36		3.36	
Matyoska, Dr. Joseph*	12.00		12.00	
Mitchell, Mrs. Lewis	49.92		49.92	
Wadleigh, Agnes M.	85.92		85.92	
Wells, Flavius E.	18.24		18.24	
TOTALS	$5,942.55	$165.00	$5,341.71	$435.84

*Paid since January 1, 1954

Paid since January 1, 1954	$1,366.96
Uncollected Feb. 8, 1954	$4,575.59

Prior Years' Taxes Receivable

	TOTAL	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1940	1939	1938	1937	Prior
Bell, John B. Heirs	$12.80									12.80	
Bickford, Chester	3.30							3.30			
Blackmore, Joseph	12.00							3.00	3.00	3.00	1936 - 3.00
Blackmore, William	3.00									3.00	
Blaisdell, Clifford	18.16							6.10			12.06
Blaisdell, Earl	28.44	3.36		25.08							
Boston, Leon	16.22							4.22	3.00	3.00	6.00
Boyd, Harry	7.47	1.47		3.00		3.00					
Brown, Raymond C.	13.75										13.75
Brisard, Edward	3.00				3.00						
Clark, Raymond Heirs	3.18						3.18				
Clark, Charles	6.00								3.00	3.00	
Clough, Charles	3.75			3.36	.39						
Davis, Cecil J.	9.31							.31	3.00	3.00	1931 - 3.00
Demers, Wilfred	9.00								3.00	3.00	1931 - 3.00
Desatelle, Alfred	5.71						5.71				
Dagon, Placide	6.00							3.00	3.00		
Dube, Lionel	.36	.36									
Eldridge, Lester	9.00									3.00	6.00
Emerson, Theodore	3.36	3.36									
Fitzgerald, Clara A.	4.35										1935 - 4.35
Fitzgerald, Henry	43.36							3.92	6.08	3.00	30.36
Gaudreault, Charles	19.09				3.39	3.39		3.31	3.00	3.00	1936 - 3.00

	TOTAL	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1940	1939	1938	1937	Prior
Golden, James	3.00								3.00		
Goodwin, Wesley	3.00							3.00			
Hasty, Clifford	18.00	3.00				3.00				3.00	9.00
Hodgdon, Charles C.	9.00						3.00	3.00	3.00		
Hooper, James W.	3.00								3.00		
Hunter, Edward	12.41								4.61	7.80	
Hunter, Edgar E.	15.00							3.00	3.00		9.00
Haines, Lloyd	3.00				3.00						
LaBranche, Anthony	3.00				3.00						
Lambert, William	5.78				5.78						
LaPanne, Howard	3.00				3.00						
Letellier, Roland	3.36	3.36									
Littlefield, Lester	36.04						6.98	13.98		9.72	5.36
Locke, Arthur	3.47					3.47					
Maddox, I. G. A.	72.00	72.00									
Mahoney, Howard F.	9.00								3.00	3.00	1936 - 3.00
Marcoux, Albert	3.00								3.00		
Marcoux, Archie	15.32					3.00	3.32	3.00		3.00	3.00
Martell, Theodore	17.70										17.70
Meehan, Harry	3.36	3.36									
Merrill, George R.	15.00							3.00	3.00	3.00	6.00
Michaud, Napoleon	77.01										77.01
Mick, John	3.33							.33	3.00		
McDonald, Carl E.	9.00							3.00			6.00
McDonald, Fred R.	7.66										7.66

Merrill, Stanley	3.00		3.00						
Ordway, Mollie	2.44					2.44			
Osborne, Keith	3.00					3.00			
Packard, Benjamin Heirs	17.60								17.60
Philbrick, Arthur	4.40								4.40
Phillips, Herman	3.96	3.96							
Quimby, Jeremiah	152.00								152.00
Reynolds, Clyde	6.00							3.00	1931 - 3.00
Rhodes, Ernest	6.00								6.00
Rollins, Joseph	3.00					3.00			
Rogers, Elmer	3.00		3.00						
So. Berwick Pharmacy	73.20					73.20			
Stevens, John	9.10			3.00	6.10				
Storek, Carl A. & Martha	19.05				19.05				
Thompson, Ella	.36	.36							
Thompson, Ralph A.	12.00		3.00			3.00	3.00	3.00	
Tibbetts, Parker	6.96	6.96							
Tuttle, John	3.00		3.00						
Tinker, Clement A.	3.00		3.00						
Taschreau, Maurice	3.00							3.00	
Thompson, C. A., Nathaniel Heirs	86.79								86.79
Tuttle, Arthur R.	9.00					3.00	3.00	3.00	
Tuttle, Clarence	16.04								16.04

	TOTAL	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1940	1939	1938	1937	Prior
Valvoline, Co.	15.25							15.25			
Webster, John	18.79							3.30	3.00		12.49
Welch, Linirous F.	5.72						5.72				
Williams, Howard	34.81		3.00			3.00		3.00			25.81
Williams, Howard & Ethel	6.39			3.00	3.39						
Walters, James	3.00				3.00						
Bennett, Romeo	3.36		3.36								
Eastman, Donald	3.00		3.00								
Fecteau, Albert	3.36		3.36								
Kormes, Peter	3.72		3.72								
Leach, W. B.	3.36		3.36								
LeClerc, Roger	3.36		3.36								
Bedell, Mrs. Richard	3.96		3.96								
Smith, Charles E.	3.00		3.00								
Smith, James	1.80		1.80								
Welch, Nellie E.	.10	.10									
Baggsen, Edward	3.00	3.00									
Boulanger, Edmond	3.00	3.00									
Follette, George	3.00	3.00									
Giles, Leroy	3.00	3.00									
Holmes, Zennie	3.00	3.00									
Quill, Timothy	3.00	3.00									
	1170.93	119.65	31.92	34.44	42.95	21.86	53.06	168.66	64.69	81.32	552.38

Tax Liens

December 31, 1953

	Totals	1952	1951	1950	1949	1940
Allen, Arthur J.	$117.50			49.12	68.38	
Bennett, Wm. Hrs.	2.63					2.63
Beaudet, Gerard	112.68		56.52	56.16		
Burroughs, Martha L.	1.44			1.44		
Boyd, Harry	2.16		1.08	1.08		
Clark, Raymond Hrs.	6.37			2.52	3.85	
Cochrane, George	61.60				61.60	
Coveney, Arvella	45.00	45.00				
Davis, Cecil T.	4.70					4.70
Dockham, Simeon	10.80			10.80		
Eastman, Donald	160.92	53.64	53.64	53.64		
Frost, George W.	4.32			4.32		
Goodwin, Harvey P.	4.68			4.68		
Grass, Arnold	1.80	1.80				
Hasty, Ralph	4.84					4.84
Hasty, Frances Heirs	13.32	13.32				
Hall, David	14.40	14.40				
Hussey, Virgil & Eugene Foss	11.55				11.55	
Houston, Alice	5.78				5.78	
Hill, Kenneth	29.26				29.26	
Hilton, Carl R. P.	27.88			14.40	13.48	
Hinckley, Lester T.	5.24	1.44	1.44	1.44	.92	
Hill, Herbert E.	26.85					26.85
Hilton, Clarence & Harry	13.17					13.17
Hilton, Harry P.	6.49					6.49
Lambert, William	23.10				23.10	
Manson, Lester J.	13.34	2.52	2.52	2.52	5.78	
Marcotte, Joseph	6.49					6.49
Leavitt, Winslow H.	5.50					5.50
Merchant, Russell	18.00	18.00				
Moulton, George A.	7.70				7.70	
Michaud, Albert	73.56	20.28	26.28	27.00		
Mitchell,Mrs.Lewis	37.44	37.44				
Norman, Albert Hrs	16.94				16.94	
Russell, Earl	7.20			7.20		
Stevens, Charles	9.84					9.84
Thompson, James Hrs	4.17					4.17

Tremblay, Raymond	167.00			90.00	77.00	
Thompson, Ralph A.	7.70				7.70	
Warren, Henry E.	24.17					24.17
Wheeler, Claire	3.60	3.60				
Williams, Howard & Ethel	106.98	17.64	28.80	37.44	23.10	
Williams, J. G.	17.64			17.64		
Williams, Howard	39.05	19.80			19.25	
Young, Clarabel	27.36				13.86	13.50
Cochrane, Donald	50.40		50.40			
Cochrane, Donald & Everett	6.16	6.16				
Goodwin, Lydia	9.36	4.68	4.68			
Mick, Leora	75.96		75.96			
Wilkinson, John	2.16		2.16			
	$1,456.20	259.72	303.48	381.40	389.25	122.35

Tax Deeds

December 31, 1945

	Total	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1939	1938	Prior
Bennett, Christopher	$ 48.71							24.51	24.20			
Bennett, Harold L.	13.13										6.57	6.56
Bennett, Mary Heirs	32.14											32.14
Bennett, Wm. Heirs	32.48		1.22	1.19	1.33		5.79	5.82	5.78	5.67	5.68	
Boston, Mrs. John	42.70							42.70				
Boston, John J.	52.59									13.97	14.05	24.57
Boston, Leon F.	28.66	28.66										
Cheney, Walter I.	22.50											22.50
Clark, Raymond Heirs	64.52	3.85	3.60	3.50	3.90	8.06	7.96		7.96		7.75	17.94
Cochrane, George	67.72	67.72										
Coran, Etta	17.70								17.70			
Cossette, David & Irma	46.79	24.33	22.46									
Davis, Cecil T.	40.11							7.85	7.80	8.09	8.12	8.25
Davis, Frederick	205.63							71.11	70.40			64.12
Davis, Lida L.	325.99							163.67	162.32			
Dorr, Wm. J.	15.64										5.54	10.10
Frost, Walter	15.94							7.98	7.96			
Harvey, Chas. N.	32.10	8.09	7.91	7.82	8.28							
Hill, Herbert E.	315.83	29.26	27.36	26.60	29.64	30.33		29.80	29.54	29.35	29.54	54.36
Hilton, Burpee	8.53									8.53		
Hilton, Clarence & Harry	48.46							16.26	16.10		16.10	
Hilton, Harry P.	18.62									9.29	9.33	

Hilton, Karl	110.42	13.48	12.60	12.25	13.65	16.48	16.15	16.26	9.55			
Hussey, Virgil & Eugene Foss	32.85	11.55	10.80	10.50								
Huston, Alice	10.47	10.47										
Lamprey & Bernstein	57.07										10.90	46.17
Leavitt, Winslow H.	7.75										7.75	
Littlefield, Elbridge Hrs	18.20					18.20						
MacDonald, T. E.	41.61									7.43	7.43	26.75
McIntyre, Fred	130.15									130.15		
McIntyre, A. Raymond Heirs.	25.27											25.27
Manson, Lester J.	30.46	10.47	10.07	9.92								
Marcotte, Joseph	28.46							9.63	9.55	9.28		
Marshall, Lilla Belle	43.31			40.53	2.78							
Martell, Sadie A.	26.17			26.17								
Martell, Theodore	17.86							8.31	9.55			
Mercier, Alfred	113.45											113.45
Michaud, Antonio	47.52	24.69	22.83									
Michaud, Ludger C.	1.29											1.29
Mick, John & Leora	123.08	123.08										
Moulton, George	125.37	7.70	7.20	7.00	7.80	11.43	11.23				10.90	62.11
Norman, Albert M.	42.64	21.92	20.72									
Nute, Mrs. A. A.	44.57										44.57	
Parker, Nettie & Flora Pond	76.83			36.57	40.26							
Patterson, Chas.	33.17										7.75	25.42

	Total	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1939	1938	Prior
Perkins, Chesley	22.00									7.73		14.27
Follard, Charlotte	43.29								43.29			
Pouliot, Jos. & Josephine	43.25											43.25
Quimby, Jeremiah, Hrs	57.08											57.08
Rollins, E. W. Heirs	38.50					38.50						
Roussin, Doris & Raymond	12.29								12.29			
Seneschal, Hector	52.58									13.97	14.04	24.57
Spence & Coombs	37.76										7.75	30.01
Stevens, Chas.	38.21							12.94	12.81		12.46	
Stevens, John	44.36									10.60	10.65	23.11
Stevens, Lester	36.71											36.71
Stone, Edward	10.85									10.85		
Storek, Carl & Martha	23.35									23.35		
Swain, Ellen M.	48.87						24.36	24.51				
Thompson, James Heirs	56.88							7.34	7.26	7.10	7.11	28.07
Twombly, Ralph	22.14							11.29		10.85		
Tyler, Harold	49.65					24.96	29.69					
Warren, Henry E. Hrs	175.10	31.39	29.44	29.08	31.87		26.98			26.34		
Weare, Henry W.	24.41	2.70	2.52	2.45	2.73	7.04	6.97					
Weare, Henry W.	45.84				20.67			25.17				
Welch, Linrous F. ..	10.23									10.23		
Williams, Howard & Ethel	188.23	23.49	21.96	21.35	23.40	24.96	24.36	24.51	24.20			
Winn, Calvin Heirs	17.10									17.10		
Young, Clarabel	204.78	13.86	12.96	12.60	14.04				16.43	15.85	15.95	103.09
	$3,987.92	456.71	213.65	247.53	200.35	180.01	148.49	509.66	494.69	375.73	259.94	901.16

Highways

Owing to the extreme amount of heavy rain during the Spring, several bad washouts were created, meaning additional expense to the Town. These washouts were responsible for the rebuilding of the abutments on the Bennett Lot Road Bridge, the rebuilding of the bridge on Earle's Road and Old York Road. It was also necessary to haul several yards of gravel on these roads, keeping them passable in the Spring. An overdraft was created in this account due, principally, to the unusual amount of spring work and grading at the Civic Center. Due to the spring flood, we were allocated $649.41 which is due from the State.

The State Aid money was used to finish the railroad underpasses and tar a portion of the Old South Road. A portion of the State Aid Fund was used in 1952 in anticipation of the 1953 Funds.

The $500.00 appropriation on the Boyd Corner Road was used to haul gravel, cut bushes and install new culverts.

Several streets were applied a surface of tar, having in mind a three year rotation plan as recommended by some highways officials.

Although the appropriation for winter care was decreased, we were blessed with a very light snow fall and a small amount of sanding thereby, creating a sizeable unexpended balance.

Due to making use of the small tractor at the dump, we were able to keep our expenditures at the dump within the amount of the appropriation.

1953 saw the completion of the Blister Rust control work performed by State Personnel, under State supervision, with the Town and State sharing the cost. The Town's share amounted to $147.84.

Consideration should be given to preserve the trees along the streets of our Town. $425.00 was spent for spraying and care of these shade trees in 1953. Of this the Town received $200.00 back from the State.

Again this year 1500 seedlings were set out on the land of the Town Farm by the Boy Scouts. The cost of these seedlings being 1¢ each.

HIGHWAYS

Receipts

Roads & Bridges		
Appropriation	$7,000.00	
Balance	308.80	
Trans. from Boyd's Corner	500.00	
Town of North Berwick	244.20	
Town of Rollinsford	41.60	
Ernest Krebs	79.13	
Maurice Blouin	329.40	
Roland Dagan	80.60	
Joseph Bonsaint	127.00	
Misc. Receipts	266.49	
Due from State	4,093.23	
Overdraft	3,015.23	
		$16,085.68

Expenditures

Town Truck Rental	$ 3,828.16	
Town Loader Rental	1,655.75	
Gravel and Sand	315.90	
Materials and Supplies	698.60	
Private Equipment Rental	1,348.88	
Labor	6,742.29	
Signs	24.38	
Catch Basin Rental	210.00	
Lumber	348.78	
Automotive Service & Welding	81.79	
Culverts	120.74	
Blue Rock Mix	164.00	
Workmen's Compensation Ins.	436.31	
Other	110.10	
		$16,085.68

WINTER CARE

Receipts

Appropriation	$4,000.00	
Town of Berwick	289.80	
State	1,681.54	
		$5,971.34

Expenditures

Town Truck Rental	$1,001.14	
Town Loader Rental	139.00	
Labor	1,541.36	

Salt	1,828.01	
Sand	26.80	
Supplies	52.17	
Repairs & Welding	82.92	
Expense of Winter Garage	91.09	
Care of Horse	157.75	
Unexpended Balance	1,041.10	
		$5,971.34

STATE AID ROADS

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,728.00	
Due from State	2,465.88	
		$4,193.88

Expenditures

Town Truck Rental	312.76	
Town Loader Rental	208.50	
Private Equipment Rental	1,156.21	
Labor	678.61	
Sand & Gravel	134.60	
Tar	750.00	
Supplies & Materials	91.40	
Transferred from Old South Road	479.89	
1952 Overdraft	381.91	
		$4,193.88

Winter Care — State Highway

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 215.00	
		$ 215.00

Expenditures

Winter Care	$ 174.00	
Unexpended Balance	41.00	
		$ 215.00

Bituminous Surfacing

Receipts

Appropriation	$3,000.00	
		$3,000.00

Expenditures

Town Truck Rental	$ 389.26	
Town Loader Rental	169.50	
Private Equipment Rental	110.00	
Labor	427.99	
Patch	122.40	
Tar	1,747.50	
Sand	18.40	
Unexpended Balance	14.95	
		$3,000.00

DUMP

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 400.00	
		$ 400.00

Expenditures

Labor	$ 176.10	
Gas & Oil	57.35	
Workmen's Compensation	4.32	
Tractor Parts	21.89	
Sand	7.20	
Town Truck Rental	59.63	
Town Loader Rental	15.00	
Bulldozer	36.00	
Miscellaneous	21.45	
Unexpended Balance	1.06	
		$ 400.00

TREES

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 400.00	
State	347.84	
		$ 747.84

Expenditures

Labor	320.68	
Tree Service	400.00	
Purchase of Trees	15.00	
Unexpended Balance	12.16	
		$ 747.84

Truck Funds

I am unhappy to state, that our equipment accounts show overdrafts due to extensive repairs, tires and payments.

Extensive repairs were necessary on a Ford truck due to an accident early in the Spring. At the end of 1953 about one half of the note holders, of the Walters Trucks, had been paid off. Due to these extensive repairs, I believe that the equipment is now in better condition than at any time during 1953.

TRUCK FUND

	Receipts	
1952 Balance	$ 77.43	
Receipts	4,585.36	
Overdraft	1,169.62	
		$5,832.41
	Expenditures	
Gas	$1,462.39	
Repairs	1,219.01	
Tires	943.40	
Insurance	129.72	
Parts & Supplies	987.84	
Wilder Purchase	86.00	
Other	4.05	
Note Payment	1,000.00	
		$5,832.41

LOADER FUND

	Receipts	
1952 Balance	$ 335.31	
Receipts	2,269.05	
Overdraft	469.03	
		$3,073.39
	Expenditures	
Gas	$ 133.18	
Repairs	503.73	
Insurance	95.12	
Parts & Supplies	408.36	
Payment	1,933.00	
		$3,073.39

WALTER TRUCK FUND

Receipts

Receipts	$ 982.52	
Overdraft	349.25	
		$1,331.77

Expenditures

Gas	$ 241.25	
Repairs	243.78	
Insurance	120.00	
Parts & Supplies	125.74	
Bond Holders	600.00	
Other	1.00	
		$1,331.77

Police Department

The Town Police Department consists of: Chief George Mitchell, Lt. B. L. Ives and officers Frank Coffin, Lionel Turcotte, Carl Hillman, Herbert Warren, Franklin Goodwin and Archie Watts. Special Police Officers are Richard Lilly, Albert Watkins and Alden Stubbs.

The Police Department equipment includes: 3 pairs of handcuffs, 2 revolvers 38, 10 sets of badges, 6 billies, 6 night clubs, 7 blinker lanterns, 1 blinker lite, 1 automobile siren, 1 finger printing set, 1 raincoat and hat.

A comparison of the arrests in 1953 and 1952 is itemized as follows:

	1953	1952
Motor Vehicle Violations	29	33
Drunken Driving	1	1
Intoxication	4	2
Assaults	3	—
Abandonment	1	—
	38	36

113 requests were made and investigated for governmental agencies.

121 complaints were received and 114 acted upon.

Of the $1700.00 appropriated at the annual Town Meeting $1,547.58 has been paid to Officers for patrolling streets, directing traffic, supplies, etc.

In closing I wish to thank the boys of the Police Department, also the Town Officials for their fine cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MITCHELL
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,700.00	
Fines	4.00	
Telephone Reimb.	24.50	
Misc. Reimbursements	2.56	
		$1,731.06

Expenditures

Telephone	$ 144.03	
Supplies	79.60	
Salaries	1,303.25	
Workmen's Comp.	20.70	
Unexpended Balance	183.48	
		$1,731.06

Report of the Fire Department

Another year rolls by and with its ending, I once again submit my report of the South Berwick Fire Department.

During the year your Fire Department answered:

59 Alarms
8 Still Alarms
4 Emergency Alarms
15 Out-of-Town Alarms

We feel that very efficient and progressive strides have been made in the past year. We have added two Motorola radio units to the equipment. We have also added a table unit for bringing in conversation from other Departments that are not on our frequency.

Instead of running all over Town for a boat when an emergency arises, we have bought a fourteen foot boat, which is suspended from the ceiling of the Fire Station. At a moment's notice it can be lowered to the top of a fire

truck and be on the way with the rest of the life saving equipment now in use by your department.

Another addition to the equipment is a Scott Air Pack. This Scott Air Pack is the best money can buy and has many uses, such as getting at confined fires, at drownings, places where poison gasses are present, or wherever oxygen is needed.

We have also bought six hand lights, complete with holders to carry them on the trucks.

The above pieces of equipment were bought by the members of your Fire Department from their private fund, with no cost to the Town. (This was made possible by your fine support of our lawn party, field day and beano parties. Again, Thank You.)

For the coming year, 1954, I recommend that the fire alarm system be brought up to date. This includes new air horns, that we now have in use. I would also recommend a Vitaguard, that controls the fire alarm system, which will be put on AC current, that maintains the right voltage to operate the system. Now it is operated on batteries that keep going down and does not allow the system to operate properly. With the Vitaguard it will be possible to put in Fire Alarm Boxes around Town.

Please remember in case of fire, keep as calm as possible, and call the Fire Department, Number 222. Give your box number, which is in the square at the lower right hand corner of your fire alarm card, and give the nature of the fire;—house, grass, chimney, woods, or other. Remember, if you give this information when calling the Fire Department, and give it correctly, it will help us in answering your call, and save precious minutes, which might mean the saving of your home or other valuable property.

I want to thank the members of the Department, Town Manager and the Selectmen for their splendid cooperation given me since I have been your Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT WATKINS
Fire Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Receipts

Appropriation	$3400.00	
From State for forest fires	503.50	
Misc. Reimbursements	5.00	
Overdraft	103.52	
		$4,012.02

Expenditures

Fuel	$ 460.94	
Power	248.71	
Telephone	363.37	
Water	57.70	
Payroll	1,500.00	
Supplies	274.79	
Gas and Oil	187.09	
Automotive Parts & Repairs	128.38	
Telephone alarm coverage	21.35	
Misc.	110.60	
Forest Fires	547.00	
Balance on 1952 Hose	112.09	
		$4,012.02

FIRE HOSE

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 800.00	
		$800.00

Expenditures

Expenditures	$ 775.87	
Unexpended Balance	24.13	
		$800.00

PUMPER REPAIRS

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 500.00	
		$ 500.00

Expenditures

Repairs	$ 500.00	
		$ 500.00

FIRE DEPT. INSURANCE

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 505.00	
		$ 505.00

Expenditures

Fire Station Insurance	$ 50.50	
Contents & Trucks Insurance	286.30	
Workmen's Compensation	41.10	
Unexpended Balance	22.10	
Firemen's Accident Ins.	105.00	
		$ 505.00

STREET LIGHTS

Receipts

Appropriation	$3,243.00	
		$3,243.00

Expenditures

Central Maine Power Co.	$3,197.88	
Unexpended Balance	45.12	
		$3,243.00

HYDRANT RENTAL

Receipts

Appropriation	$3,762.00	
		$3,762.00

Expenditures

South Berwick Water Corp.	$3,761.80	
Unexpended Balance	.20	
		$3,762.00

CIVIL DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 500.00	
		$ 500.00

Expenditures

Telephone	$ 99.78	
Fire Valve	288.48	
Unexpended Balance	111.74	
		$ 500.00

CHARITIES

Charities

During the year I have been able to discourage some recipients by the use of "pick and shovel" so to speak, and also providing work for others.

Although the account shows a balance of $318.67, it was created by the fact that the town received $550.00 rent from the Town Farm with the expense of the Farm costing $242.59.

As we are unable to print names of persons receiving aid, the following may be of some interest to the taxpayers. Under Town poor we had 18 different cases during the year. At the present time we have 4. Under Other Town poor the status has not changed, having 2 cases, which we are carrying at the present time.

Under State poor we helped a total of 13 different cases and at present we are assisting 5.

During the year we had 13 cases under A. D. C. At the present time we have 6. You are probably familiar with the law concerning A. D. C. However, I will refresh your memory by quoting the statutes of this aid.

"It is completely administered by the State with the Town paying the State 18% of the cost, the Federal Government 50% and the State 32%."

TOWN POOR

Receipts

Appropriation	$2,000.00	
Rent from Town Farm	550.00	
Reimbursement	44.00	
Misc. Receipts	56.70	
		$2,650.70

Expenditures

1. Knight's Pond House	
a. Insurance	135.00
b. Repairs	52.02
c. Water	55.57
2. Physician & Dentist	193.00
3. Hospital	163.32
4. Drugs & Supplies	7.15
5. Ambulance Transportation	60.00
6. Board & Care	790.83
7. Rent	54.00
8. Groceries & Supplies	483.77
9. Fuel	8.40
10. Clothing	99.24
11. Burials	174.00

12. Other	55.73	
Unexpended Balance	318.67	
		$2,650.70

STATE POOR

Receipts

State	$2,097.55	
Town of Hollis	15.88	
Reimbursement	6.53	
Due from State	102.56	
		$2,222.52

Expenditures

1. Physician & Dentists	375.00	
2. Hospital	189.32	
3. Drugs & Supplies	94.68	
4. Ambulance Transportation	5.00	
5. Board & Care	200.00	
6. Rent	49.00	
7. Groceries & Supplies	1,026.02	
8. Fuel	96.86	
9. Clothing	186.64	
		$2,222.52

AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,600.00	
		$1,600.00

Expenditures

State Treasurer—ADC	$1,474.56	
Unexpended Balance	125.44	
		$1,600.00

OTHER TOWN POOR

Receipts

Town of Richmond	$ 95.20	
Due from Town of Richmond	442.89	
Due from Town of Wells	9.84	
		$ 547.93

Expenditures

Groceries	$ 272.93	
Rent	260.00	
Physician	15.00	
		$ 547.93

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of South Berwick:

I herewith submit my seventh annual report of the South Berwick School Department.

TEACHERS

Central School opened for the fall term on September 9th with the following changes in the teaching staff:

Mr. Robert S. Stevens of Portland succeeded William Treat as principal, Mr. Treat having resigned to accept a teaching assignment in Connecticut. Miss Sonia Johnson of West Paris, Maine was elected to the eighth grade position. Mrs. Jacqueline Heffren of Dark Harbor accepted the fifth grade position, replacing Nancy Gibbs who resigned to accept a similar position in Auburn, Maine.

Miss Joan Grunert of Lisbon Falls replaced Mrs. Thomas as teacher of Grade Three. Mrs. Thomas has transferred to grade two, replacing Patricia Stevens who is now teaching in Melrose, Mass. Mrs. Belva Beale of Winter Harbor is the teacher for the other division of grade two. Mrs. Ethel M. Hanson of East Rochester, N. H. replaced Mrs. Mary Driscoll as teacher of Subprimary. Mrs. Driscoll is now teaching in Rochester, N. H. The complete list coll is now teaching in Rochester, N. H. The complete teachers' list is as follows:

Teacher	Position	Training	Yrs. here
Robert S. Stevens	Principal	U. of Maine, B. S.	1
Sonia M. Johnson	Grade Eight	Farmington, B. S.	1
Rachel A. Sturdivant	Seven & Eight	Gorham	2
Leland H. McLean	Seven	Farmington, B. S.	3
Beatrice C. Wendell	Six	Gorham, B. S.	2
Frances M. Nye	Six	Plymouth, B. Ed.	2
Jacqueline H. Heffren	Five	Gorham	1
Alice B. Allen	Four	Gorham	11
Eloise F. Millett	Four	Boston U., B. S.	2
Joan P. Grunert	Three	Farmington, B. S.	1
Lena D. Thomas	Two	Farmington	3
Belva M. Beale	Two	Machias	1
Helen B. Chesley	One	Leslie	32
Aleida C. Morton	One	Syracuse, B. A.	4

Ethel M. Hanson	Subprimary	Gordon	1
Ruth N. Brown	Music Supervisor	American Institute	8
Eugene H. Ploof	Instrumental Music	N. E. Conservatory, B. M.	3

TEACHERS' SALARIES

With the beginning of the Fall term, the new State Minimum Salary Law becomes effective. Teachers with a Bachelor degree can command a minimum salary of from $2,400 to $3,200, depending upon the number of years of experience. $100 increments are given annually. South Berwick does not have a formal salary schedule, but has granted increases regularly during the past few years, recognizing training and experience. A general shortage of qualified teachers has caused higher teacher salaries, and has paved the way for the new salary law.

ENROLLMENT TRENDS

Because of the increase of the number of pupils in the upper grades, it has become necessary to add an extra teacher to the staff. The small auditorium and the office room on the second floor are being used as classrooms. These are not standard classrooms, nor will they meet the requirements concerning light and ventilation. However, permission has been granted use of these rooms as an emergency measure. Twelve standard classrooms are now available for use; but if the present enrollment trend continues, five new classrooms will be needed within a five year period.

ORGANIZATION

Since the opening of school in September, Principal Stevens has organized and supervised a Physical Education program. This has included all the grades and has involved both indoor and outdoor activities. All children from the fourth grade up were given physical examinations to determine their fitness to participate in such a program. The new gymnasium is being used nearly every period during the school day. In December Mr. Howard Richardson, the State Director of Physical Education, held a clinic in the gymnasium with the teachers of Central School, St. Michael's School, and the new Lebanon Elementary School participating. The purpose of this clinic was to instruct the teachers in the use of the gymnasium and to acquaint them with the features of a modern Physical Education program. Demonstrations were given in rhythmic games and dances.

SCHOOL LUNCH

The school lunch department of Central School is under the capable co-managership of Mrs. Beatrice Lane and Mrs. Beatrice Warren. An average of 250 children are fed well-balanced meals daily. This is one of the few school lunch departments in the area that has not increased its rates to participating pupils. This year we have been most fortunate in receiving good quantities of government surplus commodities, including both canned and frozen meat. The lunch room is rather small for the number of children participating, and future planning includes the expanding of the lunch room into the adjoining room which is now used as a music room and storage space.

INSURANCE

The School Committee has recently revised the entire school insurance program in a more equitable division and at a financial saving to the town. Fire insurance on the Central School and Civic Center totaling $250,000 including contents has been divided among all insurance agents in So. Berwick. All policies are for a 5-year period with an equal amount renewable each year. This plan affords the best rate, and although it is more expensive to institute, the annual costs will be greatly reduced after the first year.

FINANCES

The school budget as approved by the School Committee and presented to the Budget Committee is as follows:

	Approp. 1953	**Necessary 1954**
Common Schools	$34,700	$39,050
High School Tuition	28,500	31,200
Repairs, Ins., Equip.	4,000	4,881
Supervision	1,000	1,100
School Nurse	500	500
School Incidentals	200	200
School Lunch	1,000	1,000
	$69,900	$76,731

In closing, I wish to express my thanks for the fine cooperation I have always received from the School Committee, Town Officials, and Citizens of South Berwick.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD I. LIBBY
Superintendent of Schools

Report of the Central School Principal

To Superintendent Howard I. Libby and the Superintending School Committee of South Berwick:

The following is my first annual report as principal of the So. Berwick Central School.

The school year started with an enrollment of 396 students, 48 of which were in the beginning class. The school population does not seem to reach any definite peak, but rather to run along a high plateau. This points to a future outlook of at least two teachers for each grade and five new rooms.

The new auditorium is being put to good use with gym classes and assemblies in full swing. During school hours the auditorium is in constant use except for five hours a week, which does not include outside athletic activities and social functions.

Outside athletic activities are expanding and improving. Basketball is underway. Mrs. Jacqueline Heffren, coach of the girls' team, has had a fine turnout and is looking forward toward a successful season. The boys' team, which includes players from the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades this year, has a schedule of 14 games with a few more possibilities in sight. Most of these games are with the schools in School Union No. 5; the remainder are with New Hampshire schools in the near vicinity.

Our music program, under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Brown, has had a busy and successful year so far, and she is planning for an even busier spring schedule. The activities that have been completed or planned, include a Christmas program for the P. T. A., an assembly, prospects of a talent show, Union No. 5 festival, and the Western Maine Festival in Auburn. These activities will include children from the Glee Club and all of the grades in school.

The band, under Mr. Eugene Ploof, is busy with plans for assemblies, a performance for the Union No. 5 Teachers Club meeting, P. T. A. Program, and the Union No. 5 Festival among their important appearances.

The new library, organized and set up by Mrs. Sturdivant and the students in her room, now has over 750 volumes available for use in all grades.

The Defense Stamp program is helping the students to save on an average of $45.00 a week. I am sorry to hear that some of the parents are letting their children cash in the stamps before they have enough to exchange for a U. S. Defense Bond.

School socials are held in the Civic Center at least twice a month, with the 4th, 5th, 6th grade group and the 7th and 8th grade group alternating. The attendance at these socials have been very good with many parents coming to help and also to enjoy an evening with their children.

Because of the warm weather, the skating pond has had very little use. Now that the skating temperatures are with us, we hope to make up for lost time.

I should like to thank the faculty, cafeteria staff, Mrs. Chaplin, Mr. Warren, and Mr. Stubbs for their fine cooperation in making Central the fine school that it is.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT S. STEVENS
Principal

Report of School Nurse

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Superintending School Committee:

It is with pleasure that I submit my third annual report.

A large number of pupils have had either eye, ear or throat defects corrected this year. These corrections show in their general health and better school work. Eye notices are sent to the parents of all children whose eyes fall below 30/30. Since this is a state law, it must be done even though we know that they are receiving proper attention.

I wish to thank the parents who have cooperated so splendidly. Your cooperation is necessary and it is very much appreciated. Especial thanks go to our town physicians, Arvid Lundin D. O. and John Murphy M. D., who besides examining many children individually during the year have also examined all pupils from grade four through grade eight.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION D. CHAPLIN R. N.
School Nurse

Report of the School Lunch Program

To Howard I. Libby, Superintendent of Schools:

I submit the annual report of the School Lunch Program.

Since the opening of the fall term in September the school lunches have been on the average of 250 daily. The pupils are charged 15 cents per meal which is classed as Type A and meets the requirements of the State Department.

The state commodities which we have had sent us this year are butter, peanut butter, honey, canned beef and gravy, frozen hamburg, dried white pea beans, red kidney beans, tomatoes, dried milk, salad oil, peaches, orange juice and cheese.

A new Crosley refrigerator has been added to the kitchen equipment.

The staff in the cafeteria this year is Mrs. Beatrice Lane, Mrs. Beatrice Warren, Mrs. Susan Joy, and Mrs. Edna Tozier who replaced Mrs. Evelyn Shorey.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BEATRICE LANE
MRS. BEATRICE WARREN
Co-Managers
School Lunch Program

South Berwick School Department

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Available

Balance 1952	$ 4,869.80
Appropriation, Common School	34,700.00
Appropriation, High School Tuition	28,500.00
Town of Berwick, Union Supplies	291.56
Town of Eliot, Union Supplies	291.56
Town of Lebanon, Union Supplies	182.46
Town of Berwick, Clerk's Salary	325.00
Town of Eliot, Clerk's Salary	325.00
Town of Lebanon, Clerk's Salary	325.00

Howard I. Libby, Sale of Supplies	19.15	
Town of Berwick, C. S. Tuition	2,625.00	
Harold Smith, C. S. Tuition	75.00	
John Lawlor, C. S. Tuition	50.00	
J. E. Davidson, Refund	16.20	
F. Roger Miller, Rent of Land	20.00	
Treas. of U. S., P. L. 874	6,710.62	
Treas. of State, School Subsidy	20,519.94	
Total Available		$99,846.29

	Expended
Teachers' Salaries:	
Mary Driscoll	$ 1,520.00
Ethel Hanson	748.00
Helen Chesley	2,331.28
Aleida Morton	2,342.28
Patricia Stevens	1,429.38
Belva Beale	798.00
Eloise Millett	2,204.68
Joan Grunert	748.00
Lena Thomas	2,286.28
Alice Allen	2,348.28
Nancy Gibbs	1,393.36
Beatrice Wendell	2,110.68
Frances Nye	2,634.68
Jacqueline Heffren	811.28
Leland McLean	2,331.28
Rachel Sturdivant	2,361.70
Sonia Johnson	748.00
William Treat	2,026.72
Robert Stevens	1,032.96
Eugene Ploof	615.04
Ruth Brown	732.09
Cora Currier	2,024.22
Maxine Treat	150.00
Ethel Ives	35.00
Dorothy Green	24.50
Marion Hilton	105.00
Dorothy Flynn	21.00
Beulah Chapman	17.50
Greta Benoit	7.00
Ruth Hunt	24.00
Maine State Retirement System	1,864.93
Union No. 5 Teachers Club	18.00

Maine Teacher Association	106.00	
National Education Association	85.00	
Total Teachers' Salaries		38,036.12
Janitor:		
Alden Stubbs	1,318.85	
Albert Watkins	884.60	
Herbert Warren	2,350.23	
Leland McLean	200.57	
Peter Gaudreault	45.50	
Gerald Libby	63.19	
Donald Carpenter	5.25	
Basil Heffren	5.00	
Town of So. Berwick	51.15	
Lloyd Allen	5.25	
Richard Chaplin	5.25	
Total Janitor		4,934.84
Fuel:		
P. Gagnon & Son	2,639.76	
D. F. Richard	148.50	
J. K. Horne	4.50	
Total Fuel		2,792.76
Conveyance :		
Raymond Morgridge	5,958.25	
Walter Hichens	1,110.00	
Russell Merchant	89.00	
Bernice Dimon	134.00	
F. Verrill Perkins	50.79	
Total Conveyance		7,342.04
Textbooks:		
Macmillan Co.	334.34	
Lyons & Carnahan	31.11	
F. E. Compton Co.	101.84	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	349.09	
Doubleday Co.	111.76	
E. M. Hale Co.	16.80	
Beacon Musical Instrument Co.	2.80	
F. A. Owen Pub. Co.	45.50	
B. H. Sanborn Co.	14.57	

Garrard Press	8.63	
Beckley Cardy Co.	94.09	
Arlo Pub. Co.	44.70	
Richard Co.	3.91	
World Book Co.	24.66	
Martin & Murray	64.70	
Science Research Assoc.	23.23	
Allyn & Bacon	248.79	
Fred L. Tower Cos.	12.85	
Webster Pub. Co.	133.13	
Ginn & Co.	438.40	
Field Enterprises, Inc.	185.92	
O. H. Toothaker	7.75	
L. W. Singer Pub. Co.	46.97	
American Book Co.	17.77	
Hall & McCreary	5.20	
Silver Burdett Co.	116.96	
Rand McNally Co.	53.29	
J. E. Davidson	32.40	
Zaner Bloser Co.	7.28	
E. M. Hale	16.80	
Houghton Mifflin	32.25	
Ernie Rose	3.67	
Children's Press	24.96	
American Ed. Press	142.00	
Total Textbooks		2,798.12

Supplies:

J. L. Hammett Co.	454.00	
M. F. Bragdon Paint Co.	230.76	
A. H. Murray	55.00	
Loring, Short & Harmon	447.52	
Zaner Bloser Co.	47.61	
Luxor Lighting Co.	119.15	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	619.71	
Central Maine Power Co.	749.50	
So. Berwick Water Corp.	190.00	
Masury Young Co.	83.14	
R. Pill Electrical Co.	42.61	
Arundel Print Shop	87.50	
C. S. Currier	9.38	
Pioneer Mfg. Co.	31.77	
U. of N. H.	32.00	
T. B. Tupper	35.00	
Ruth Brown	5.00	
C. B. Dolge Co.	106.44	

E. L. Canter Co.	133.34	
Baker Science Packet	3.20	
H. C. Warren	.96	
Gledhill Bros.	13.90	
Calif. Wiping Material Co.	21.43	
T. C. Harrity	92.79	
Ham Bros.	14.41	
Holcomb Mfg. Co.	14.10	
Milton Bradley Co.	18.00	
Treas. of State	15.00	
Continental Press	16.38	
A. Flanagan Co.	11.53	
Papercrafters	78.48	
Virgil Horr	120.75	
Beacon Musical Instrument Co.	17.00	
R. S. Stevens	12.21	
Junior Scholastic	140.00	
Congdon Transportation	1.05	
H. I. Libby	22.73	
Eye Gate House	25.00	
Visual Curriculum Center	83.28	
D. C. Heath Co.	3.12	
Visual Ed. Service	10.00	
Scott, Foresman Co.	3.74	
Headlight Film Service	.95	
Beckley Cardy Co.	2.50	
Aleida Morton	3.39	
Henry Wolkins Co.	4.47	
James Brine Co.	7.04	
Educator's Progress Service	10.50	
The Dugout	1.11	
Rochester Germicide Co.	37.41	
World Book Co.	29.49	
Central Market	1.04	
Papercrafters, Inc.	86.44	
Chartwell House	6.75	
H. G. Parker Co.	10.85	
Vinton School Form Co.	18.34	
Total Supplies		4,438.77

High School Tuition:			
Trustees of Berwick Academy	35,255.90		
Wells School Dept.	900.20		
Total High School Tuition		36,156.10	
Total Expended			96,498.75
Unexpended Balance			$ 3,347.54

REPAIRS/INSURANCE/EQUIPMENT

	Available	
Balance 1952	3.68	
Appropriation	4,000.00	
R. M. Davis, Ins. Rebate	25.00	
Town of So. Berwick, Rent of Offices	575.00	
F. Verrill Perkins, Change of Rate	65.49	
Jennie deR. Ricker, Ins. Rebate	21.23	
Treas. of U. S., P. L. 874	142.66	
Gymnasium Rentals	552.81	
Transfer from Incidentals Account	78.21	
Total Available		5,464.08

	Expended
Repairs:	
Clara Kelley	20.00
Roy Morgridge	204.26
Rideout's Hardware	126.25
A. H. Murray	249.55
C. B. Dolge Co.	3.48
Vivian Cotton	50.00
Greenland Services	11.75
H. I. Libby	4.61
Masury Young Co.	9.34
Alden Stubbs	43.25
Ed. L. Canter Co.	49.05
Diamond Match Co.	24.92
J. L. Hammett Co.	37.82
Stanley Johnson	8.50
R. A. Stubbs	7.10
R. S. Stevens	12.40
Ham Bros.	10.50
Colonial Refining Co.	160.50

Ralph Pill	9.30		
James K. Horne	154.18		
David Cossette	148.00		
Standard Electric Time Co.	20.00		
Total Repairs		1,364.76	
Insurance:			
Freeman Smith	40.00		
Jennie deR. Ricker	340.00		
F. Verrill Perkins	1,268.94		
R. M. Davis	320.00		
Lionel Turcotte	72.30		
Total Insurance		2,041.24	
Equipment:			
Masury Young Co.	356.57		
Ralph Pill	104.91		
Montgomery Ward	17.75		
Warren's	15.95		
J. L. Hammett Co.	42.84		
Loring, Short & Harmon	137.75		
Perfo Mat Co.	64.33		
Beacon Musical Instrument Co.	7.49		
W. W. Morse	148.25		
Crosley Appliance Store	40.00		
Kent Agency of Mass.	428.25		
Beckley Cardy Co.	82.38		
Cascade Paper Co.	597.00		
Total Equipment		2,043.47	
Total Expended			5,449.47
Unexpended Balance			$ 14.61

SCHOOL NURSE

Available

Appropriation	500.00	
Lederle Laboratories Division	54.75	
Total Available		554.75

	Expended	
Marion Chaplin	361.98	
Hays Drug	112.63	
Flynn's Market	8.36	
American Dye House	2.75	
Town of So. Berwick	2.10	
Total Expended		487.82
Unexpended Balance		$ 66.93

INCIDENTALS

	Available	
Appropriation		$ 200.00
	Expended	
Virgil Horr	22.25	
Raymond Morgridge	60.00	
Alden Stubbs	22.88	
Herbert Warren	3.55	
City of Saco	7.40	
Robert Stevens	4.00	
Treas. of State	1.71	
Transfer to Repairs Account	78.21	
Total Expended		$ 200.00

SCHOOL LUNCH

		Available	
Balance 1952		849.49	
Appropriation		1,000.00	
Cash Receipts		6,102.08	
State School Subsidy		2,642.75	
Total Available			10,594.32
		Expended	
Salaries:			
Beatrice Lane	1,110.00		
Beatrice Warren	1,110.00		
Evelyn Shorey	267.75		
Susan Joy	471.75		
Edna Tozier	204.00		
Total Salaries		3,163.50	

Supplies:

Cascade Paper Co.	87.71		
Central Maine Power Co.	100.00		
Thompson & Winchester	101.49		
Paul Metcalf	3.98		
Roy Morgridge	21.18		
Congdon Trans.	65.38		
Roberge Bakery	554.91		
Carpentier's Dairy	2,894.96		
Dube Bros.	234.87		
Carr Consolidated, Inc.	221.31		
Flynn's Market	958.78		
Central Market	348.62		
H. A. Johnson Co.	500.03		
Clement's Market	342.58		
Ham Bros.	22.00		
Benda Products, Inc.	18.87		
Cumberland Cold Storage	6.60		
Reginald Clark	35.05		
A. Lipson	27.75		
Alden Stubbs	5.50		
Ad. Seidel	66.00		
John Sexton Co.	224.00		
Flynn's News	.54		
Crosley Appliance Store	325.00		
Sanford Food Lockers	44.68		
Town of So. Berwick	31.38		
Total Supplies		7,243.17	
Total Expended			10,406.67
Unexpended Balance			187.65

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Available

Balance 1952	1.70

Expended

The Dugout	1.70

Inventory of Town Property

2 1948 Ford Trucks No. F7 —4 yd dump body with hydraulic controls 1 spare wheel, 1 spare tire.
1 Ross V-21A Plow with wing. 1948.
1 Ross Blade 21A Plow with wing. 1948.
1 Old Sargent blade in fair condition.
1 T-40 McCormick & Deering Tractor 1934—with V-plow & two wings—Hyd. equipped—fair condition
1 Lincoln Welder
1 Horse - drawn sidewalk plow—fair.
1 T20 McCormick & Deering Tractor, fair shape.
1 Adams Leaning Wheel Road grader No. 8.
6 Lanterns
2 Road Sanders—poor.
8 Shovels, 2 Diggers, 1 Hoe, 1 Brush, 1 Maddock, 1 Lawn mower.
1 Adams Patrol Scraper, No. 41. Poor condition.
1 Wheel barrow.

KNIGHT'S POND HOUSE

13 Rooms in good condition, and very clean. Barn in fair condition—frame good — floor & roof poor.
2 Kitchen stoves
1 Dining room table and dishes
1 Kitchen cabinet
1 Wheel chair
1 Pair crutches
9 beds and 1 crib
23 chairs
2 bedroom tables
7 bureaus
2 sick chairs
Urinal
Bed pan
Invalid cushion
Hot water syringe bottle
1 Fire extinguisher

INVENTORY

Town Office

1 Office table—12' x 3' x 4'—fair condition
1 Ballot box
1 Burrough Adding Machine—fair condition
1 Royal Typewriter
1 Todd Protectograph checkwriter
7 Oak chairs—fair condition
1 Secretary's chair
1 4-drawer filing cabinet
2 2-drawer filing cabinet
1 Fireproof file cabinet
1 Large desk
1 Secretary's desk with typewriter well
20 Steel Folding chairs

TOWN FIRE EQUIPMENT

1 1940 Federal 500 gal. combination
RADIO 1 - Master set
2 - Truck sets
1 1936 Chevrolet forestry truck, 200 gal. tank
1 Buffalo 600 gal. combination (1929)
1 1950 Chevrolet tank truck
1 Foam Buffalo Extinguisher

5 2½ inch nozzles
6 Indian Back tanks
6 1½ in. nozzles
1 Light Plant and two flood lights
2 Extension Ladders
2 Roof Ladders
2 Fresh Air Smoke Masks
2 All purpose gas masks
1 Resuscitator
16 Rubber Coats
12 Fireman's hats
12 pairs of boots
2 Portable Pumps, 1 - 500 gals., 1 - 100 gals.
1 Air whistle
3 Master boxes
1,500 ft of 1½ in. Hose
1,500 ft of 2½ in. Hose
4 Hand lanterns
1 mechanical foam pickup nozzle
2 2½ x 1½ x 1½ in. twin hose connection
1 1½ inch apparatus gate valve
1 2½ x 1½ x 1½ inch water thief
3 CO2 extinguishers
2 emergency drag
1 Dry powder extinguisher

Inventory of South Berwick Central School Property

12 Classrooms
1 Classroom and auditorium combination
1 Classroom and teacher's room combination
1 Storeroom and library combination
1 Nurse's room
201 fixed desk-chair units
175 movable desk-chair units (30 new)
11 tables
6 primary tables
20 bookcases
78 primary chairs
53 obsolete desk-chair units
14 teacher desks
330 auditorium chairs
2 sand tables
7 pianos
20 chairs
1 encyclopedia rack

Principal's office

1 Rex-o-graph
1 Bell & Howell Sound Projector
2 movie screens
3 record players
1 film strip projector
1 safe
1 2-drawer steel file
1 Remington noiseless typewriter No. XD519642
1 desk & chair
1 public address system, 2 speakers, 1 mike with stand
1 tape recorder

Teachers' Room

3 wicker chairs
1 wicker cot
1 9 x 12 rug

Nurse's Room

1 teacher's desk and chair
1 set health scales
1 fold-a-way cot with mattress and pillow
2 white enameled steel cabinets (1 small, 1 large)

School Lunch Room

2 electric stoves
1 ventilator hood & fan
1 Kelvinator refrigerator
1 Crosley refrigerator (new)
1 electric potato peeler
7 plastic top tables
5 wooden tables
58 dining room chairs
2 serving tables
1 stool
1 movable cupboard
1 electric clock
14 doz. serving trays
2 garbage cans
1 wastebasket
Complete equipment for cooking and serving

Maintenance Equipment

1 Briggs Stratton Power Lawn mower
1 hand lawn mower
1 steel wheelbarrow
2 wooden snow scoops
2 steel hand rakes
1 bamboo grass rake
1 24" Stillson wrench
1 12" Stillson wrench
1 box miscellaneous small tools

Playground Equipment

1 slippery slide
3 teeters
1 giant stride
1 set of swings
2 merry-go-rounds

Gymnasium Equipment

220 steel folding chairs

Office of Superintendent of Schools (¼ share owned by School Dept.)

1 double pedestal desk natural shade
1 Cosco steel office chair
6 steel folding chairs
2 steel desk lamps
1 secretary's desk
1 secretary's chair
1 Royal typewriter No. KMN 143-432315
1 Underwood typewriter No. 489-6121-12
1 Addo-x electric adding machine No. A81501
2 4-drawer steel filing cabinet
1 steel storage cabinet
1 metal typing stand
1 Masco steel typewriter table (new)
1 5 ft. Library table (new)
1 maple telephone table (new)
3 card index cabinets
4 portable storage files

Debt and Interest

NOTES PAYABLE

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 6,000.00	
		$ 6,000.00

Expenditures

South Berwick Trust Co.		
Fire Station Note	$1,000.00	
Bridge Note	1,000.00	
Civic Center	4,000.00	
		$ 6,000.00

INTEREST

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 4,000.00	
Interest on Taxes	359.63	
		$ 4,359.63

Expenditures

School Bonds	$ 2,963.44	
Truck & Snow Plow Loan	100.00	
Fire Station Loan	118.75	
Bridge Note	160.00	
Temporary Borrowing	982.06	
Unexpended Balance	35.38	
		$ 4,359.63

Unclassified

LIBRARY

Receipts

Appropriation	$350.00

Expenditures

Trustees, Fogg Memorial Library	$350.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Receipts

Appropriation	$236.00	
Overdraft	18.00	
		$254.00

Expenditures

Sullivan Nowell Post, No. 38 American Legion	$254.00	
		$254.00

COUNTY TAX

Receipts

Appropriation	$3207.79

Expenditures

County Treasurer	$3207.79

OVERLAY

Receipts

Per Committment	$1604.69

Expenditures

Unexpended Balance	$1604.69

CIVIC CENTER

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 7,700.00	
1952 Balance	14,115.29	
So. Berwick Recreation Assoc.	3,085.84	
Overdraft	167.75	
		$25,068.88

Expenditures

Ernest Sanders, Contr.	$18,982.49	
Architect	1,250.00	
Supplies	1,748.55	
Bleachers	1,975.00	
Lockers	851.85	
Window Guards	209.43	
Other	51.56	
		$25,068.88

Salaries Paid by the Town 1953

Jane Benoit	$ 401.00	Fred Lakeman	47.42
Ray Bickford, Jr.	13.92	Linwood LaRoe	3.48
Albie Boston	12.00	Richard Lilly	20.00
Charles Boyd	7.83	Stanton Littlefield	3.48
Ernest R. Brown	28.50	Dr. Arvid R. Lundin	50.00
Franklin Carr	144.86	Lucine Michaud	8.00
Robert Chase	6.00	George Mitchell	431.25
Richard Cheney	299.66	Leon Monroe, Jr.	428.02
Leah Chick	7.00	Maude MacIntyre	1065.96
John Cleary	7.00	Marcia McLaughlin	7.00
Frank Coffin	144.00	Robert Ostreicher	240.00
Albert Demers	8.00	Richard Perkins	6.53
Alfred Demers	611.69	Woodvil Perkins	512.63
Louis Demers	30.89	Mrs. Walter Pierce	7.00
Ruth Estabrooke	711.00	Morris Pinkham	100.00
Henry Fitzgerald	44.88	Robert Pinkham	55.68
Robert Frechette	140.07	Evelyn Shorey	7.00
Merrill Gaeb	38.28	David Smith	10.44
Peter Gaudreault	45.50	Roger Snow	91.00
Walter R. Goding	10.00	Kathleen Spillane	150.00
Franklin Goodwin	2126.98	Margaret Stedman	10.00
Roy C. Goodwin	10.00	Fred St. Laurent	89.85
Russell Goodwin	148.63	Ralph Thompson	546.41
Ronald W. Gullifer	2893.93	Arline Tondreault	7.00
Woodrow Harriman	1.74	Edna Tozier	7.00
Frances Harrity	7.00	Lawrence Trafton	446.91
Linwood Hooper	57.86	Lionel Turcotte	232.00
Lorenzo Hooper	100.50	Herbert C. Warren	5.00
Arlo Horr	2938.00	Albert Watkins	500.00
Arlo G. Horr	569.01	Robert B. Weiss	519.16
Paul Hussey	70.49	George Wendell, III	13.00
Harold Irving	662.11	William Wilkinson	5.00
Burton Knight	12.00	Wallace Williams	58.73

Payments made by the Town 1953

Daniel Allen	$ 3.60	Mrs. William Ayotte	21.00
Ralph H. Allen	6.65	Bancroft & Martin Rolling Mills Co.	486.01
Ames Construction Co.	5.50	Barrett Division	2400.00
A. & P. Tea Co.	9.84	L. E. Bartlett	450.00
Wm. O. Armitage	1250.00	Beckley-Cardy Co.	209.43
Arundel Print Shop	34.70		

Alcide Benoit	25.00
Benoit's Auto Service	1.00
Benoit's Garage	117.04
Maurice Benoit	25.00
Berger Mfg. Co. of Mass.	851.85
Town of Berwick	142.50
Clifford Blaisdell	46.40
Dr. A. M. Bonanno	20.00
Mrs. Francis Boston	287.15
George A. Boston	25.00
Boston Law Book Co.	40.00
P. R. Boston	97.50
Frank Boxell	30.00
Brackett & Shaw Co.	26.84
Cascade Paper Co.	2.77
Central Auto Body	96.00
Central Maine Power Co.	3471.56
Central Market	418.12
The Chemical Corp.	585.81
Frank J. Clark	54.00
Cleary's Neighborhood Store	4.16
Donald Cochrane	60.00
Frank Coffin	263.00
V. H. Cogswell, Inc.	27.32
Concord Supply Co.	1650.00
Congdon Transportation Co.	2.55
E. Corey & Co.	15.17
Corner Variety Store	460.00
Merrill Cousens	50.00
Craftsman Insurance Co.	917.00
Cunningham's Garage	430.64
G. L. Davis & Associates	528.00
Richard M. Davis	353.59
George Demers	3.00
Dewhirst Motor Sales	38.10
Diamond Match Co.	266.56
Michael F. Doherty	3.00
Dover Drug, Inc.	16.35
Annie M. Dube	135.00
Dube Brothers	215.39
Chester G. Earl	242.44
Dr. David G. Eastman	9.00
Emerson's Drug Store	3.73
George E. Emery	3.60
Eureka Fire Hose	112.09
Mrs. John Fanning	25.00
Files & O'Keefe Co.	24.38
Flynn's Market	220.74
G. Gagnon & Sons	117.86
Dr. Jesse M. Galt	50.00
The Gamewell Co.	98.85
The Goodall Tree Expert Co.	400.00
Edwin S. Goodwin	71.81
The General Detroit Corp.	45.00
Everett Goodwin	46.13
Harland Goodwin	25.00
Roy C. Goodwin	204.00
Russell Goodwin	600.00
Gorham Fire Equipment Co.	161.25
Donald Gorman	1.73
Gulf Oil Products	47.85
Ronald W. Gullifer	418.66
Hall & Knight Hardware Co.	25.70
Clifford Ham	1.00
Jack Hardy	141.16
Teresa Harrity	18.38
Hedge & Mattheis Co.	53.42
Warren H. Hilton	218.61
Hodgdon Tool & Die	24.00
Kenneth Horn	99.60
Virgil L. Horr	203.40
Paul Hussey	164.90
Iafolla Crushed Stone Co.	286.40
International Salt Co.	1242.00
Brighton Ives	7.60
Jenney Mfg. Co.	82.34
Dr. W. F. Jerauld	20.00
Jerry's Clover Farm Store	72.19
Jerry's Diner	.90
David K. Johnson	24.00
Grace L. Johnson	25.00

Harvey Johnson	18.40
Rev. William H. Johnson	3.50
Elmer Joy	49.00
George O. Jutras	234.80
Clara M. Kelly	15.00
Dorothy Kelley	25.00
Dr. John J. Keohan, Jr.	244.00
Kidder Press Co., Inc.	20.35
Walter E. Killian	23.50
Kittredge's Garage	30.28
Knight & Thomas, Inc.	11.00
Edward Krock, Inc.	86.00
Lewis Paint Co.	30.85
Dr. A. S. Lincourt	10.00
Linnell, Brown, Perkins, Thompson & Hinckley	5.00
Archie Liscord	28.00
Loader	2256.75
Alexander Loika, Jr.	160.00
Loring, Short & Harmon	37.20
Harry J. Lovell Co.	710.50
Dr. A. R. Lundin	16.00
Mrs. Gerald Lynch	220.83
Dr. Wm. F. Mahaney	5.00
Maine General Hospital	279.07
Maine Municipal Association	55.00
Maine State Treas.	2836.00
Maine Truck-Tractor Co.	2.20
Simeon Marcotte	20.00
Marks Printing House	32.73
Martin's Garage	111.42
John R. Mathes & Sons, Inc.	31.77
MacKenzie & Knight	159.45
Alfred M. Mayo	25.00
Margaret McCarn	140.00
McIntire Funeral Service	234.00
Middlesex County National Bank	1746.52
F. Roger Miller	50.95
George Mitchell	220.79
George Monroe	25.00
Montgomery Ward	200.09
Morest's Little Store	144.00
Raymond R. Morgridge	447.63
Emma Morley	120.00
W. W. Morse	4.50
Dr. John J. Murphy	199.00
National Bank of Commerce	92,887.50
Neal's Garage	1.50
New England Engine & Parts Co.	14.74
New England Metal Culvert Company	120.74
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	926. 98
Northeast Motors, Inc.	49.51
Nutter's Rexall Store	2.25
Mrs. Inez Oches	25.00
Panther Oil & Grease Mfg. Co.	85.25
Mrs. Papas Shop	16.00
F. Verrill Perkins	387.69
Woodvil Perkins	887.88
Photo & Engraving, Inc.	27.92
Ralph Pill Electric Supply Co.	77.94
The J. E. Porter Corp.	49.56
Portland Tractor Co., Inc.	2771.21
Portsmouth Hospital	24.00
Quamphegan Grange	100.00
Edward H. Quimby	4.00
Harland Quint	54.75
Ralph's Used Cars, Trucks & Parts	9.00
Ray's Gas & Electric Shop	30.00
Retread Tire Co.	832.94
Leon A. Richardson	49.06
Richfield Oil Corp. of New York	55.32
Jennie de R. Ricker	46.50

Rideout's Hardware	198.79
Ridlon's Plumbing & Hardware	10.66
Roland H. Ripley & Son	181.91
Robbins Auto Supply Co.	543.12
"Roberts"	170.95
Dr. Maurice Ross	10.00
Myrtie E. Ross	260.00
Phillip Rowe	26.16
Rowell & Watson, Inc.	55.57
Ernest Sanders	18,982.49
Kurt Schindler	25.00
Emil O. Schramm	25.00
M. Schwartz & Co.	3.60
Mrs. Nellie Searles	44.00
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	18.67
Saul Shalit	1.25
Sheet Metal Specialties Co.	5.88
Ronald Smalley	7.00
John G. Smith	102.30
George Shevelin	46.28
W. H. Shurtleff Co.	44.60
Freeman J. Smith Agency	575.63
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	1080.29
South Berwick Fire Dept.	1,960.00
South Berwick Restaurant	9.25
South Berwick School Dept.	575.00
South Berwick Sewer Co.	180.00
Town of South Berwick	1,155.67
South Berwick Trust Co.	8,005.59
South Berwick Water Corp.	3,849.50
E. M. Spillane Store	28.83
Kathleen Spillane	42.00
St. Johnsbury Trucking Co., Inc.	2.00
Fred St. Laurent	3.08
Sullivan-Nowell Post No. 38	254.00
Superior American Fire Alarm & Signal Co.	303.48
Tide Water Associated Oil Co.	112.53
Lawrence Trafton	151.01
Marlin Trafton	3.00
Trafton & Perkins	75.00
No. 1 Truck	2,858.66
No. 2 Truck	1,690.78
No. 3 Walter Truck	835.52
No. 4 Walter Truck	147.00
Trustees Berwick Academy	350.00
Lionel Turcotte	286.30
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide	7.00
U. S. Pencil Co., Inc.	13.83
Universal Bleacher Co.	1,975.00
William J. Vickers & Son, Inc.	51.50
C. W. Warren	25.00
Herbert C. Warren	9.50
Albert Watkins	474.26
Robert B. Weiss	46.50
Town of Wells	60.00
Wentworth Hospital	49.57
Willis Wentworth	243.60
Whitehead's	30.56
Whiting Stationery Co.	9.69
Whitten's Drug	71.10
P. A. Wood	523.50
York County Treas.	3,207.79
York Note Book Mfg. Co.	10.00
The York Press	705.00

Notes Payable

December 31, 1953

	Date	Rate	Due		Amount
South Berwick Trust Co.					
New Fire Station	8/26/47	2½ %	1,000	Annually	4,000.00
Great Works and			1,000	Annually	5,400.00
Salmon Falls Bridge	4/20/49	2½ %	1,000	Annually	3,000.00
Truck & Snow Plow	4/21/49	2½ %	9,000	1954	16,000.00
Civic Center	12/15/52	3 %	7,000	1955	
National Bank of					
Commerce of Portland—			3,000	1955-60	
Bonds			2,000	1961-74	46,000.00
Civic Center	5/15/52	2½ %	3,000	1954-68	
Civic Center	6/1/52	2¼ %	2,000	1959-73	54,000.00

TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:	Orig. Fund	Unexpended Income 12/31/53	Total
Sarah A. Shorey			
South Berwick Trust Co. Book 88	100.00	140.30	240.30
Lucy A. Gibbs Plummer			
South Berwick Trust Co. Book 91	50.00	8.60	58.60

No withdrawals during year.

Insurance Register

Item	Face Value	Premium	Term	Issuance Date	Expiration Date	Company & No.	Agent
Town Hall	1500	57.09	3 years	12/9/53	12/9/56	St. Mutual Fire Ins. Co. No. S13010	Davis
Town Hall	1500	58.12	3 years	4/3/51	4/3/53	St. Mutual Fire Ins. Co. No. S3838	Davis
Town Hall	3000	46.50	1 year	4/5/53	4/5/54	Hartford Fire Ins. Co. No. 6979	Ricker
Town Farm	2000	90.00	3 years	6/1/52	6/1/55	Orient Ins. Co. No. G 279335	Turcotte
Town Farm	3000	135.00	3 years	3/26/53	3/26/56	Std. Fire Ins. of Me. No. G 325183	Dube
Fire Station Bldg	5000	126.25	3 years	2/26/52	2/26/55	St. Mutual Fire Ins. Co. No. S 5958	Davis
Fire Station Bldg	5000	50.50	1 year	2/26/53	2/26/54	Phoenix Ins. Co. No. 1859	Davis
Fire Station Bldg	10,000	252.00	3 years	2/26/51	2/26/54	Traders & Mechanics Ins. No. 18-92107	Perkins
Fire Station Contents	1500	25.40	1 year	4/26/53	4/26/54	American Eagle No. 1089	Turcotte
Fire Trucks-Fire ACV &	3500	23.22	1 year	4/26/53	4/26/54	Cambridge Mutual No. NNA 28686	Turcotte
Fire Trucks Liability	5000/10000/5000	236.00	1 year	4/26/53	4/26/54	Travels Mutual No. MV 6825837	Turcotte
Fire Company Accident	2000	126.00	1 year	3/28/53	3/28/54	Employers No. 909469	Davis
Town Trucks	20/20/5000	129.72	1 year	6/9/53	6/9/54	Aetna No. 6CA96393	Perkins
Walter Trucks	10/20/5000	120.00	1 year	9/22/53	9/22/54	Employers XC 1429428	Davis
Loader	5/10/5000	95.12	1 year	6/21/53	6/21/54	Aetna No. 6CH 96391	Perkins
Comprehensive Bond	20000	162.85	1 year	3/30/53	3/30/54	American Fidelity No. 764599	Perkins
Workmen's Comp.		482.92	1 year	3/27/53	3/27/54	The Employers No. WC 763744	Smith
Civic Center & Central School	250,000	Divided between Perkins, Davis, Ricker, Dube, Smith and Turcotte					

Comparison of 1953 and 1954 Budgets

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1953	1954
Salaries—Town Officers	$ 5,390.00	$ 5,890.00
Town Office Expenses	1,200.00	1,000.00
Incidentals	1,200.00	1,200.00
Clerical Assistance	2,000.00	2,000.00
Election Expenses	200.00	600.00
Printing Town Report	700.00	700.00
Social Security Benefits		600.00
	$ 10,690.00	$ 11,990.00
PROTECTION		
Police	1,700.00	1,700.00
Fire Department	3,400.00	3,400.00
Fire Department Insurance	505.00	720.00
Pump Overhaul	500.00	—
Fire Hose	800.00	—
Fire Alarm Equipment	—	1,300.00
Street Lights	3,243.00	3,243.00
Hydrant Rental	3,762.00	3,762.00
Civil Defense	500.00	500.00
	$ 14,410.00	$ 14,625.00
EDUCATION		
Common Schools	34,700.00	39,050.00
High School Tuition	28,500.00	31,200.00
Repairs, Equipment & Insurance	4,000.00	4,881.00
Educational Administration	1,000.00	1,100.00
School Lunch	1,000.00	1,000.00
School Nurse	500.00	500.00
Incidentals	200.00	200.00
	$ 69,900.00	$ 77,931.00
WELFARE		
Town Poor	2,000.00	2,000.00
A. D. C.	1,600.00	1,400.00
	$ 3,600.00	$ 3,400.00

HIGHWAYS

Highways, General	7,000.00	7,000.00
Winter Care	4,000.00	4,000.00
Bituminous Surfacing	3,000.00	3,000.00
State Aid	1,728.00	1,728.00
Boyd's Corner Road	500.00	—
Repairs to Town Streets	—	1,000.00
Winter Care—State Highway	215.00	240.00
Town Dump	400.00	400.00
Care of Trees	400.00	400.00
	$17,243.00	$ 17,768.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Interest	4,000.00	4,000.00
Abatements	500.00	500.00
Debt Reduction	2,000.00	14,000.00
Advertising	—	150.00
Memorial Day	236.00	275.00
Library	350.00	350.00
Civic Center Payment	11,700.00	—
	$ 18,786.00	$ 19,275.00
Appropriation	134,629.00	144,989.00
County Tax	3,207.79	3,207.79
	137,836.79	148,196.79
Less Excise Taxes	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total raised from Taxes	$127,836.79	$138,196.79

If the above Budget is accepted and the valuation of the Town remains the same, the tax rate will increase $4.00 per $1,000 of Assessed Valuation.

January 19, 1954

To The Board of Selectmen
South Berwick
Maine

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, we have examined the books and records of the Town of South Berwick, for the year ended December 31, 1953, and submit herewith the following exhibits and supporting schedules reflecting the results of the operations of the various appropriations and revenue accounts, together with the financial condition as at the close of the year.

This examination has consisted of an audit of the records of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Collector. No examination was made of any records kept by any other department.

We examined vouchers, ascertained that they were properly approved, correctly recorded, and charged to the proper department or appropriation account. We also examined disbursements of the Treasurer and ascertained that they were properly authorized.

All commitments of the taxes to the Collector were examined and determined to be properly accounted for, either in cash, properly authorized abatements, or yet remaining uncollected on the records of the Collector.

Expenditure of monies is authorized by vote of the town, and in computing the amount to be raised by taxation, consideration should be given to a reasonable estimate of all revenues from other sources, and the remaining balance, plus the overlay, is the amount to be raised from taxation. No overdrafts of appropriations should be permitted, and any excess of actual revenues over the amount estimated should be taken into consideration in arriving at the commitment for the following year. We would recommend that this procedure be more closely followed.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLETT, FISH & DRESSER

Town of South Berwick, Maine
Comparative Balance Sheet

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

	December 31, 1953		December 31,1952	
Cash on Hand and in Bank		$16,239.61		$9,918.27
Special Deposits:				
School Bond Fund	$ 13.30		$ 13.04	
Truck and Plow	6.18	19.48	6.18	19.22
Accounts Receivable— (Schedule AIV)		6,613.78		447.38
Taxes Receivable (Schedule A1)	$7,109.50		$5,074.11	
Less:				
Reserve for Losses	1,167.74	5,941.76	1,167.74	3,906.37
Tax Liens (Schedule AII)	$1,456.20		$1,642.52	
Less:				
Reserve for Losses	67.27	1,388.93	53.55	1,588.97
Tax Deeds (Schedule AIII)	3,987.92		$4,158.71	
Less:				
Reserve for Losses	1,656.92	2,331.00	1,656.92	2,501.79
Deferred Charges:				
State Aid Road			$ 381.91	
Old South Road			479.89	
Equipment (Revolving):				
Truck Fund	$2,068.87			
Loader Fund	469.03	2,537.90		861.80
		$35,072.46		$19,243.80

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Schedule AV)	$ 157.82	$ 17.40
Treasurer's and Collectors Suspense	26.74	44.12
Tax Anticipation Notes Payable	30,000.00	
Walter Truck Fund—Bonds Payable (Schedule AVIII)	550.00	

RESERVES

	Dec. 31, 1953		Dec. 31, 1952
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations:			
Civic Center		$14,115.29	
School Department	3,666.77	5,749.67	
Highway Bridges and Sidewalks		308.80	
Equipment (Revolving):			
Truck Fund		77.43	
Loader Fund		335.31	20,586.50
Special Deposits	19.48		19.22
1954 Excise Taxes	756.67		
General Fund Surplus (Exhibit "B")	105.02		1,423.44
	$35,072.46		$19,243.80

DEBT FUND

Net Long-term Debt	$128,400.00	$135,400.00
	$128,400.00	$135,400.00
Notes Payable (Schedule AVI)	$28,400.00	$ 35,400.00
Bonds Payable (Schedule AVII)	100,000.00	100,000.00
	$128,400.00	$135,400.00

TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Funds:		
Sarah A. Shorey		
Savings Book No. 89	$ 240.30	$ 235.58
Lucy A. Plummer		
Savings Books No. 91	58.60	57.45
	$ 298.90	$ 293.03
Fund Principal	$ 150.00	$ 150.00
Unexpended Income	148.90	143.03
	$ 298.90	$ 293.03

Under the Provisions of Chapter 361 of the 1947 Laws of the State of Maine, the Selectmen of South Berwick certify that a detailed report of the Audit is on file at the Town Manager's Office.

Julian J. Jacyna
Reginald P. Clark
William A. Bray
Russell C. Goodwin
Harland C. Goodwin
Simeon E. Marcotte
Michael J. Metrick

SELECTMEN OF SOUTH BERWICK

Auditors Certificate

To The Inhabitants Of The Town Of South Berwick:

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That we have examined the accounts of your Treasurer, Collector and Selectmen for the year ended December 31, 1953, and find all funds properly accounted for and all expenditures supported by proper authorizations. In our opinion, the appended Balance Sheet fairly presents, in accordance with generally accepted principles of municipal accounting consistently maintained, the financial position of The Town of South Berwick as at December 31, 1953.

MILLETT, FISH & DRESSER

Report of the Budget Committee

For the

Town of South Berwick

Year ending December 31, 1953

February 5, 1954

To the Citizens of South Berwick:

The Budget Committee elected for the purpose of making recommendations as to the estimate of money needed for the various Town activities for the ensuing year respectfully submits herewith its recommendations for the Articles contained in the following Warrant.

Using these recommendations and estimating the valuation of the Town for the year 1954 the tax rate will be approximately $52 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

The Budget recommended on the following pages represents the best judgement of the entire Budget Committee based upon the needs of the Town and upon the ability of the Town to pay. The Budget Committee met with the Selectmen and Town Manager in order to become familiar with the needs of the Town, and how last year's appropriations were being spent. Meetings were also held with representatives from each of the following groups: Police Department, Fire Department, Memorial Day Committee, and School Board to determine their needs for the 1954 Budget.

ADMINISTRATION

Town expenses have been kept down to a minimum, but election expenses show an increase due to the two State elections in 1954.

EDUCATION

Total appropriations for 1954 show an increase of $10,360.00. Of this figure $8,031.00 is necessitated by increased school costs. The Common School Account increases represent $4,350.00 of the total, and the Academy tuition increases represent $2,700.00 of the total. Teacher pay increases are necessary because of new pay minimums set by the 1953 State Legislature, and an increase in the

Academy figure is due partly to a much larger entering class in September.

CIVIC CENTER

Payment on the Civic Center this year will come to $12,000.00, plus nearly $3,000.00 for interest. The scheduled payment for next year will be $13,000.00 and then it will drop to $6,000.00 annually.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

$1,300.00 is recommended for the purchase of new fire alarm equipment, as the present one is only on loan for trial purposes.

While the budget for the coming year shows a considerable increase, it is the opinion of the Committee that the budget represents what is necessary for the welfare of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Goodwin, Chairman
Mary Harrity
Paul Rideout
George Mitchell
Stanley Maddox
Thomas Vincent
Samuel Lang
Maurice Blouin
James Monroe
Emil Schramm
Alfred Mayo
Gordon Raitt
Rene Benoit
Charles Warren

Budget Committee

Warrant

STATE OF MAINE
YORK, S. S.

To Herbert C. Warren, Constable of the Town of South Berwick, in the County of York, and State of Maine:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are required to notify the inhabitants of said Town of South Berwick, qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Civic Center in said Town on Saturday, the sixth day of March A. D., 1954, at 6 o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the articles below to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a Town Clerk, 3 Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor and one member of the School Committee, Fire Chief and other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. Polls will be open from 6 A. M. to 2 P. M. Business Session 7:30 P. M. at South Berwick Civic Center.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town; such loan or loans to be paid during the current municipal year out of money raised during said current municipal year by taxes.

Budget Comittee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen to borrow after January 1, 1955, in anticipation of taxes to be assessed and collected in the year 1955, a sum sufficient to cover the expenses incurred in the operation of the Town from January 1, 1955, until the date of the following regular Town Meeting, to be paid out of the appropriation for the then current municipal year out of money raised during said municipal year by taxation, and to issue the note or notes of the Town therefor, signed by the Selectmen and the

Town Manager, upon such rate of interest and otherwise upon such terms consistent with the foregoing as the Selectmen may determine to be most advantageous to the Town.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen, in behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, and execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen to sell and assign unmatured tax mortgage liens for not less than the amount unpaid and interest and costs thereon.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Collector of taxes to charge and collect interest at a rate of six per cent, to be retroactive from September 1, 1954, on all taxes uncollected as of November 1.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to elect a Budget Committee for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30.00 to install street lights on Jewett Avenue between Portland Street and Morest's Little Store, and on the Jewett end of Witchtrot Road near the spring.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to hold its Annual Town Meeting on a Saturday in March.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

APPROPRIATION ARTICLES

ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Incidental Expenses.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,200.00.

ARTICLE 12· To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries of Town Officers.

Budget Committee Recommends $5,890.00 (Town Clerk $150.00, Fire Chief $500.00, Asst. Chief $100.00, School Board $60.00, Board of Health $80.00, Town Manager $4,000.00, Town Manager Expenses $500.00, Revaluation $500.00)

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the expenses of the Town Office.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,000.00.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of furnishing clerical assistance in the Town Office.

Budget Committee Recommends $2,000.00.

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of paying moderator, tellers and election officers.

Budget Committee Recommends $600.00.

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for printing the Town Report.

Budget Committee Recommends $700.00.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 to pay the Town's share of Employee's benefits under the Social Security Act, as passed by the Town, per Article 12, of the 1953 Warrant.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

PROTECTION

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Police Protection.

Budget Committee recommends $1,700.00.

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the rent of hydrants for Fire Protection.

Budget Committee Recommends $3,762.00.

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of the Fire Department.

Budget Committee Recommends $3,400.00.

ARTICLE 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights.

Budget Committee Recommends $3,243.00.

ARTICLE 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing accident insurance for the Firemen, and to insure the Fire Trucks against liability and fire, and Fire House against fire.

Budget Committee Recommends $720.00.

ARTICLE 23. To see what sum of money the Town wlil vote to raise and appropriate for Civil Defense and Public Safety.

Budget Committee Recommends $500.00.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,300.00 to purchase fire alarm equipment.

Budget Committee Recommends adoption.

CHARITIES

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,400.00.

ARTICLE 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Support of Poor.

Budget Committee Recommends $2,000.00.

EDUCATION

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Superintending School Committee to make a contract with Berwick Academy for the education of Secondary School children.

Budget Committee Recommends adoption.

ARTICLE 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Support of schools.

Budget Committee Recommends $70,250.00. (Common $39,050., High School Tuition $31,200.)

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repairs of schoolhouse equipment and insurance.

Budget Committee Recommends $4,881.00.

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for incidental school expenses.

The Budget Committee Recommends $200.00.

ARTICLE 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Audio-visual equipment for Central School.

ARTICLE 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Educational Administration.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,100.00.

ARTICLE 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of School Nurse.

Budget Committee Recommends $500.00.

ARTICLE 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for School Lunch Program.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,000.00.

HIGHWAYS

ARTICLE 35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Budget Committee Recommends $7,000.00.

ARTICLE 36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Winter Care of Highways and Sidewalks.

Budget Committee Recommends $4,000.00.

ARTICLE 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Bituminous Surfacing for roads.

Budget Committee Recommends $3,000.00.

ARTICLE 38. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid Roads Construction (in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges) under the provision of Section 25 and 29, Chapter 20, Revised Statutes of 1944, as amended.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,728.00.

ARTICLE 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the rebuilding of town streets.

Budget Committee recommends $1,000.00.

ARTICLE 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of Trees.

Budget Committee Recommends $400.00.

ARTICLE 41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance, including snow removal of State Highway.

Budget Committee Recommends $240.00.

ARTICLE 42. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of the Town Dump.

Budget Committee Recommends $400.00.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will accept the street know as Goodwin Place as a Town street, and authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to make all arrangements necessary to obtain deeds, etc.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

UNCLASSIFIED

ARTICLE 44. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Interest.

Budget Committee recommends $4,000.00.

ARTICLE 45. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Abatements.

Budget Committee Recommends $500.00.

ARTICLE 46. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

Budget Committee Recommends $275.00.

ARTICLE 47. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the free Public Library.

Budget Committee Recommends $350.00.

ARTICLE 48. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay outstanding notes.

Budget Committee Recommends $14,000.00 ($1,000.00 Bridge Note, $1,000.00 Fire Station Note, $12,000.00 Civic Center Bonds & Loans).

ARTICLE 49. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for advertising our natural resources, advantages and attractions, under the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, of the Revised Statutes. Said

money to be expended through the State of Maine Publicity Bureau.

Budget Committee Recommends $150.00.

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to close out two accounts with the South Berwick Trust Company, and place these funds in the Incidental Account. These are Book No. 2416 in the amount of $13.30 and Book No. 2756 in the amount of $6.18.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to allocate Motor Vehicle Excises to reduce the amount of money to be raised from property taxes.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to have a hydrant installed on Brattle Street, opposite Pine Street, near the old mill, and raise a sum of $50.00 for rental of same.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 53. To see what action the Town will vote to take as to the disposition of the old Town Hall building and land.

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken by the town under article 51 at the Annual Town Meeting of March 7, 1953 "to have the new Civic Center and Gymnasium fall under the joint control of the Board of Selectmen and the Superintending School Committee," and to place the Civic Center addition and Gymnasium in the care and custody of the Superintending School Committee.

Hereof Fail Not and have you there and then this warrant with your doings thereon.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the above named hall and place of meeting on Saturday, March 6, 1954, from 6 o'clock in the forenoon until the polls are closed, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hand in the Town of South Berwick, this eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

JULIAN J. JACYNA
REGINALD P. CLARK
RUSSELL C. GOODWIN
WILLIAM A. BRAY
SIMEON E. MARCOTTE
HARLAND C. GOODWIN
MICHAEL J. METRICK
Selectmen of South Berwick

A true copy—Attest
HERBERT C. WARREN
Constable

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IMPORTANT

Notice To Taxpayers

All taxpayers should read the following requirement and comply with it. Section 35, Chapter 81, Revised Statutes of Maine, 1944:

"Before making an assessment, the Assessors shall give seasonable notice in writing to the Inhabitants, by posting notification in some place in Town, or shall notify them, in such other ways as the Town directs, TO MAKE AND BRING IN TO THEM TRUE AND PERFECT LISTS OF THEIR POLLS AND ALL THEIR ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL, NOT BY LAW EXEMPT FROM TAXATION OF WHICH THEY WERE POSSESSED ON THE FIRST DAY OF APRIL OF THE SAME YEAR."

If any resident owner, after such notice, or any non-resident owner after being reasonably requested thereto by the Assessors, does not bring in such lists, he is thereby barred of his right to make application to the Assessors or the County Commissioners for any abatement of his taxes, unless he offers such list with his application and satisfies them that he was unable to offer it at the time appointed, the request upon non-resident owners may be proved by notice sent by mail directed to the last known address of the taxpayer or given by any other method that brings notice home to the taxpayer.

JULIAN J. JACYNA
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HARLAND C. GOODWIN
MICHAEL J. METRICK
Assessors of South Berwick

The Assessors will be in session at their office on the First day of April, 1954 from 7:00 P. M. to 10:00 P. M. and on April 3, 1954, from 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 Noon for the purpose stated above.

Dog Owners—ATTENTION

Dogs may be licensed during February and March. They must be licensed by April 1, 1954. (Blanks are now ready). If it is necesssary to issue a warrant to a constable to collect delinquent dog licenses there will be additional costs to the taxpayer.

South Berwick

Maine

ANNUAL REPORT

1954

TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

Town of
South Berwick, Maine

February 1, 1955

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of South Berwick

In submitting this, my second annual report, the sixth under the Manager-Council form of Government, I have tried to give you a full financial report of the several departments of the Town.

As your Town Manager, I recognize my duty to carry out the dictates of the voters' decisions. I also feel it my duty to inform the citizens what effect their decisions have on the financial condition of the Town.

It seems fitting and proper to mention the pleasure it has been to work another year with a fair impartial Board of Selectmen, who have so generously given of their time and wisdom.

Because of the age of the Town-owned equipment, the maintenance is great. I feel that from a financial standpoint it would be to the Town's advantage to replace this equipment as soon as possible.

I would like to point out that only the citizens that vote at Town meeting decide what the Town debt and the tax rate will be, but all the taxpayers have to pay the bills. The future of South Berwick depends on your interest.

In closing I would like to thank all Town employees for their cooperation during the past year.

Sincerely,

RONALD W. GULLIFER
Town Manager

Town Officers for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

ELECTED OFFICERS

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

	Term Expires
William A. Bray, Chairman	1957
Julian J. Jacyna	1955
Harland C. Goodwin	1956
Simeon E. Marcotte	1956
Michael J. Metrick	1956
Herbert B. Coffin	1957
Rene L. Benoit	1957

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

F. Verrill Perkins (Chairman)	1957
Grace L. Johnson (Resigned July 1)	
Everett F. Tozier	1956
Evelyn Shorey	1955

TOWN CLERK
Kathleen Spillane

FIRE CHIEF
Albert Watkins

MODERATOR
Roland Parent

CONSTABLE
Herbert C. Warren

APPOINTED OFFICERS

TOWN MANAGER, POOR AGENT, TREASURER, TAX COLLECTOR AND ROAD COMMISSIONER
Ronald W. Gullifer

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Howard I. Libby

POLICE CHIEF
George Mitchell

BOARD OF HEALTH
Dr. A. R. Lundin (Until Nov. 1)
Roy C. Goodwin (Until Nov. 1)
Margaret Steadman
Marion Chaplin
Kenneth Stowe

HEALTH OFFICER
Dr. A. R. Lundin (Until Nov. 1)
Dr. J. J. Murphy

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
Frank Coffin

Highlights for 1954

Due to hurricane damage caused by Carol on August 31 and Edna Sept. 11, considerable work was necessary to clean the debris and fill washouts.

The State Aid money was spent on Agamenticus Road, beginning at the home of Joe Turnbull.

Several of the back roads received gravel from Town Road Improvement money, which should help to make them passable in the Springtime.

The Town was again awarded a Certificate of Merit Award from Maine Publicity Bureau for outstanding local projects and activities.

The tax rate was increased $3.00 per thousand. 94 88/100 % of taxes collected when books closed, on December 31, 1954.

Remains of Town Hall removed and lot graded for parking.

Town Farm buildings and part of land sold to Mrs. Margaret McCarn for $4500.00.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Continuing the remapping and surveying of property.

That plans be made to replace some of the Town-owned equipment.

That definite plans be made to rebuild Norton Street.

That the Townspeople consider the possibility of building a garage.

Assessors Report

	1952	1953	1954
Real Estate, Resident	$1,911,690.00	$1,898,160.00	$1,915,080.00
Real Estate, Non-Resident	580,820.00	559,650.00	533,900.00
Total Real Estate	$2,492,510.00	$2,457,810.00	$2,448,980.00
Personal Estate, Resident	154,930.00	168,960.00	171,400.00
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	81,450.00	24,740.00	59,220.00
Total Personal Estate	236,380.00	193,700.00	230,620.00
Total Town Valuation	$2,728,890.00	$2,651,510.00	$2,679,600.00
Total State Valuation	1,719,000.00	1,719,000.00	1,719,000.00
Appropriation Voted (from Taxes)	114,661.00	134,629.00	145,369.00
Overlay	591.73	1,604.69	1,554.81
County Tax	3,574.31	3,207.79	3,207.79
To be raised	$ 118,827.04	$ 139,441.48	$ 150,131.60
Less Polls (@ $3.00)	2,064.00	$ 2,169.00	$ 2,172.00
Less Motor Vehicle Excise	12,100.00	10,000.00	11,300.00
Less Appropriated Surplus	2,000.00		
Accounts Receivable Applied	4,423.00		
Raised by Property Tax	98,240.04	127,272.48	136,659.60

ASSESSORS REPORT

You will note that in the list of abatements that several old taxes, which the assessors believed uncollectable, were abated.

The law requires that each taxpayer present a true and perfect list of all taxable property to the assessors as of April 1, 1955. Your cooperation with the Board of Assessors, who receive no salary, would help keep the abatements at a minimum. Below you will find a list of abatements as granted by the Board of Assessors in 1954.

Name	Amount	Reason
Lester M. Bragdon	$ 2.55	Veteran—Over 62
Kurt Draesdo	16.32	Error in assessment
Morris Cormier	8.61	Moved out of Town
Lawrence Brown	3.00	Over 70
Burpee Hilton, Jr. (1953)	3.00	In service
Russell Merchant (1953)	3.00	Deceased
Malcolm Parsons	1.53	Error in assessment
Stanley Cunningham	8.10	Error in assessment
William Gaudette	10.20	Error in assessment
Carl Whitehead	23.97	Error in assessment
Clement & Mabel Tinker	38.25	Error in assessment
George Monroe	3.00	Over 70
Stanley Williams	3.00	Over 70
Angelo Miniutti	4.08	Error in assessment
Thomas Cauley Heirs	4.08	Error in assessment
Mark Chick	.51	Error in assessment
George E. Emery	3.00	Over 70
Mrs. Emily Roberge	5.10	Error in assessment
Woodvil Perkins	4.59	Error in assessment
Donat Parent	3.00	Paid in Berwick
Clarence Tuttle	5.10	Error in assessment
Mark A. Boston Heirs	11.22	Error in assessment
Pete Reid	3.00	Paid in Dover
Walter O'Neil	5.10	Error in assessment
Wm. J. Lavertue	3.00	Resides in Union
John R. Lavertue	8.61	Resides in Union
Norman J. Rainville	3.00	In service
Herbert Bassett	6.12	Error in assessment

PRIOR YEARS' ABATEMENTS

Name	Amount	Year	Reason
Lional Barron	3.00	1953	Paid in Sanford
Joseph Berube	7.80	1953	Moved out of State
Edward F. Bowker	3.48	1953	Unable to locate
Delbert Boyd	5.28	1953	Unable to locate
Floyd Bubar	3.00	1953	Moved out of State
Lionel Dube	8.28	1953	Moved out of State
Robert Frechette	3.00	1953	Unable to locate
Elison Hancock	5.76	1953	Unable to locate
Woodrow Harriman	3.00	1953	Unable to locate
Richard Perkins	8.28	1953	Moved out of State
Adrian Raymond	3.00	1953	Moved out of State
Franklin Skinner	3.48	1953	Moved out of State
Herbert Walker	8.28	1953	Unable to locate
Alvin H. Williams	8.28	1953	Moved out of State
Allen Woods	7.80	1953	Moved out of State
Herman Phillips	5.28	1953	Moved out of State
John B. Bell Hrs.	12.80	1937	Unknown
Chester Bickford	3.30	1939	Moved out of State
Joseph Blackmore	12.00	1936 - 1939	Deceased
William Blackmore	3.00	1937	Unable to collect
Leon Boston	16.22	1936 to 1939	Moved out of State
Raymond C Brown	13.75	Prior to 1936	Moved out of State
Edward Brisard	3.00	1949	Moved out of State
Raymond Clark Hrs	3.18	1940	Unknown
Charles Clark	6.00	1937 & 1938	Unknown
Cecil Davis	9.31	1931, 1937 to 1939	Deceased
Wilfred Demers	9.00	1931, 1937 & 1938	Moved out of State
Alfred Desatelle	5.71	1940	Moved out of State
Placid Dagon	6.00	1938 & 1939	Unknown
Lionel Dube	.36	1952	Moved out of State
Lester Eldridge	9.00	1937 & Prior	Moved out of State
James W. Hooper	3.00	1938	Moved out of State
Theodore Martell	17.70	Prior to 1936	Moved out of State
Napoleon Michaud	77.01	Prior to 1936	Moved out of State
Herman Phillips	3.96	1952	Moved out of State
Clara A. Fitzgerald	4.35	1935	Deceased
Total 1954 abatements			$188.04
Total 1953 abatements			93.00
Prior Years abatements			218.65
Total Abatements			$499.69

Report of Town Clerk

December 31, 1954

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

230	males	207.00
108	spayed	97.20
43	females	210.70
4	kennels	39.60
Total amount remitted to State Treasurer		$554.50

REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS

Recorded for 1954

Deaths	55
Births	52
Marriages	50

Respectfully submitted,

KATHLEEN SPILLANE
Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS — Deaths

1954		
Jan. 2	William K. Bernier	2 days
Jan. 15	Elsie Provensal	63 years
Jan. 20	John L. Darling	86 years
Jan. 24	Ethel L. Brown	72 years
Jan. 26	Charles N. Harvey	75 years
Jan. 28	Joseph Bussiere	57 years
Jan. 29	Philip B. Planche	66 years
Jan. 30	Julian L. Hussey	88 years
Feb. 1	Albert W. Nowell	90 years
Feb. 4	Thomas P. Higgins	64 years
Feb. 11	Elizabeth A. Higgins	80 years
Feb. 16	Albert E. Sidney	68 years
Mar. 5	Russell W. Merchant	45 years
Mar. 16	Eugene Bonsaint	55 years
Mar. 17	Susan Abbie Hutchins	76 years
Mar. 31	Edna C. Tarr	74 years
Apr. 3	Dora E. Rennie	26 years

Apr. 3	Albert S. Maddox	80 years
Apr. 8	Arthur Evans	65 years
Apr. 11	Maurice M. Knowles	59 years
Apr. 15	Perley G. Wormwood	80 years
Apr. 18	Isobel M. Smith	70 years
May 5	Etta E. Chick	72 years
May 6	Mary A. Henderson	38 years
May 6	Margaret G. Thomas	51 years
May 10	Lucilla M. Lord	83 years
May 26	Juliet A. Somerset	37 years
May 30	Florence M. Remick	66 years
June 1	Ralph L. Ball	79 years
June 2	Maude Goodwin	82 years
June 2	Henry H. Simpson	78 years
June 10	Mary C. Littlefield	94 years
June 21	Warren P. Young	88 years
July 25	Adelia Dube	74 years
Aug. 6	Eva M. Goodwin	63 years
Aug. 16	Delvina Demers	87 years
Aug. 18	Ruth N. Robinson	88 years
Aug. 22	Annie C. Thurrell	84 years
Aug. 22	Joseph T. Whalen	50 years
Aug. 23	J. Herbert Walker	75 years
Sept. 7	Edward C. Godfrey	67 years
Sept. 13	Sarah A. Howarth	89 years
Sept. 13	Charles D. Robinson	61 years
Sept. 18	Paul Bennett	25 years
Sept. 30	Florence S. Stevens	80 years
Oct. 2	Sharon A. Joy	11 years
Oct. 3	Clarence Clark	78 years
Oct. 11	Walter Bowden	81 years
Oct. 20	Rebbecca Crowley	76 years
Nov. 3	Frances A. Hulsman	75 years
Nov. 10	Paul Parent	77 years
Nov. 29	Charles S. Graves	85 years
Dec. 11	Walter Davis	75 years
Dec. 16	Frank Welch	82 years
Dec. 30	George W. Boyle	80 years

Attest: Kathleen Spillane
Town Clerk

Report of Board of Health

March 1, 1955

The Board of Health for the Town of South Berwick, in compliance with the laws of the State of Maine, would submit the following report for the year ending February 1, 1955.

The number of notifiable diseases was:

Measles	9 cases
German Measles	23 cases
Chicken Pox	10 cases
Mumps	15 cases
Scarlet Fever	4 cases
Whooping Cough	17 cases
Acute Hepatitis	2 cases

Nuisances reported to the board were 17, all of which were abated.

I wish to thank you for your co-operation with me, as Chairman of the Board of Health, for the past years, and trust you will do your part to carry out this program for my successor.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. A. R. LUNDIN
Board of Health, Chmn.

General Government

The appropriation for Town officials was the same as last year.

The expenses of the Town Office was held to a minimum, creating a balance of $230.80. The appropriation for this account was $200.00 less than 1953.

Due principally to reimbursements on insurances, we had an unexpended balance of $500.71 in the Incidental Account.

Clerical assistance shows a small overdraft due to extra work at the beginning of the year and at the time of sending out tax bills.

Election expenses were increased during the year because of four elections and printing of new check lists. However, we have a small balance left from the appropriation.

Printing of the Town Report was less, leaving a small balance.

The Social Security account shows a balance.

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 5,890.00	
		$ 5,890.00

Expenditures

Town Manager	$ 4,000.00	
Town Manager Expenses	500.00	
Fire Chief	500.00	
Assistant Fire Chief	100.00	
Board of Health	80.00	
School Board	60.00	
Town Clerk	150.00	
Revaluation	500.00	
		$ 5,890.00

TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 1,000.00	
		1,000.00

Expenditures

Telephone	$ 169.20	
Rent	600.00	
Unexpended Balance	230.80	
		$1,000.00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 1,200.00	
Lien costs	97.15	
Licenses	11.20	
Bank stock tax	396.49	
Reimbursement on Town Hall Insurance	46.61	
Reimbursement on Town Farm Insurance	115.62	
Closing out old savings accounts	19.48	
Rail. & Tel. & Tel. Refund	15.23	
Dog License Refund	152.27	
Reimb. Work. Comp.	90.00	
Misc.	26.74	
		$ 2,170.79

Expenditures

Stationery and Supplies	$ 142.09	
Printing	82.25	
Memberships	55.00	
Postage	80.68	
Abstracts and Deed Registrations	147.60	
Equipment Repairs	27.75	
Recording Vital Statistics	43.00	
Legal Services	35.00	
Expenses of selling Town Farm	207.95	
Bonding	162.85	
Work. Comp.	85.17	
Paying agent fees (coupon bonds)	21.05	
Audit	535.35	
Misc.	44.34	
Unexpended Balance	500.71	
		$2,170.79

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE

Receipts

Appropriation	$2,000.00	
Overdraft	57.48	
		$2,057.48

Expenditures

Clerical Assistance	$2,057.48	
		2,057.48

TOWN REPORT

Receipts

Appropriation	$700.00	
		$700.00

Expenditures

Printing	$638.00	
Photos and cuts	53.00	
Unexpended Balance	9.00	
		$700.00

ELECTION EXPENSES

Receipts

Appropriation	$600.00	
Reimbursement	.84	
		$600.84

Expenditures

Election Expenses	$198.91	
Printing	118.60	
Printing check lists	125.00	
Constable	11.00	
Voting Booths	52.23	
Unexpended Balance	95.10	
		$600.84

CRAFTSMAN INSURANCE

Receipts

Received from Employees	$790.19	
		$790.19

Expenditures

1953 Overdraft	$ 14.60	
Paid to Craftsman Insurance	774.79	
Due Craftsman Insurance	.80	
		$790.19

SOCIAL SECURITY

Receipts

Appropriations	$600.00	
Received from employees	658.96	
		$1,258.96

Expenditures

Paid to Maine State Retirement	$1,071.72	
Unexpended Balance	187.24	
		$1,258.96

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
Year ended December 31, 1954

CASH BALANCE—JANUARY 1, 1954			$ 16,239.61
ADD:			
Tax Collections:			
Current Year	$131,230.02		
Prior Years	4,305.31		
Total Tax Collections		$135,535.33	
Excise Taxes:			
1954 Receipts	$ 11,761.75		
1955 Receipts	962.66		
Total Excise Taxes		12,724.41	
Tax Deeds	$ 205.33		
Tax Liens	1,019.20		
Notes Payable	70,000.00		
Accounts Receivable	4,093.23		
Employees' Insurance	790.19		
Withholding Taxes	6,763.21		
Social Security	658.96		
Departmental	70,027.98	153,558.10	301,817.84
TOTAL AVAILABLE			$318,057.45
DEDUCT:			
Accounts Payable		$ 21.36	
Notes Payable		100,200.00	
Employees' Insurance		774.79	
Withholding Taxes		6,763.21	
Social Security		1,071.62	
Departmental		196,661.49	305,492.47
CASH BALANCE—DECEMBER 31, 1954			$ 12,564.98

1954 Valuation, Assessment and Collection

Year Ended December 31, 1954

	Real Estate	Personal Property	Total
VALUATION:			
Resident	$1,915,080.00	$171,400.00	$2,086,480.00
Non-Resident	533,900.00	59,220.00	593,120.00
Total Valuation	$2,448,980.00	$230,620.00	$2,679,600.00
ASSESSMENT:			
Valuation x Rate			
2,679,600.00 x .051	136,659.60		
724 Polls @ $3.00	2,172.00	$138,831.60	
Supplemental Taxes		241.44	
Total Assessment Charged to Collector			$ 139,073.04
COLLECTION AND CREDITS:			
Cash Collections		$131,193.34	
Add: Credit		.02	
		$131,193.36	
Less: Overpayments		.24	
		$131,193.12	
Abatements		188.04	131,381.16
1954 Taxes Receivable—Dec. 31, 1954			$ 7,691.88

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

TAX COMMITMENT AS ABOVE		$ 138,831.60
ADD:		
Excise Taxes Applied		11,300.00
		$ 150,131.60
REQUIREMENTS:		
Appropriations (Schedule BI)	$145,369.00	
County Tax (Schedule BI)	3,207.79	148,576.79
OVERLAY		$ 1,554.81

Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1954

	Total	Poll	Real	Pers'l
Bennett, Christopher*	$42.33		36.72	5.61
Boilard, Alfred	3.00	3.00		
Bosse, Edgar	10.00		10.00	
Boston, Abbie	.51			.51
Boston, Francis	8.61	3.00		5.61
Boston, Mildred	7.65		7.65	
Boyd, Harry	1.53		1.53	
Brown, Fred C., Heirs	25.50		25.50	
Brown, Richard	5.61			5.61
Carr, Franklin	3.51	3.00		.51
Carr, George G.	8.61	3.00		5.61
Carr, Roland*	3.51	3.00		.51
Cheney, Richard	12.24		6.63	5.61
Clough, Edward*	1.02			1.02
Clough, Harold & Gabrielle	84.09	3.00	75.99	5.10
Cossette, David	43.35		42.84	.51
Coveney, Arvella	63.75		63.75	
Curtis, Donald & Leontine	116.73	3.00	113.22	.51
Davis, Joe P., Jr.	3.00	3.00		
Demers, Alfred*	3.51	3.00		.51
Doane, Homer	53.49	3.00	45.39	5.10
Central Market	255.00			255.00
Dube, Adelia	12.75		12.75	
Dube, Robert	8.10	3.00		5.10
Dudley, Leon K.	132.60			132.60
Eldredge, Homer	3.51	3.00		.51
Fife, Mrs. Evelyn M.	5.61			5.61
Fife, Sharon	.51			.51
Fitzgerald, Clara & Henry	35.19		35.19	
Flynn's News	38.25			38.25
Freeman, Wesley	5.61			5.61
Frost, Chester M.	35.70		30.09	5.61
Gagne, Joseph C.	.51			.51
Gagne, Wilfred J.	8.10	3.00		5.10
Gagnon, Albert	43.86			43.86
Gagnon, Rose A.	237.15		237.15	
Gonye, Richard	83.58	3.00	75.48	5.10
Goodwin, Greenleaf	9.69			9.69
Goodwin, Lydia J.	6.63		6.63	

Gray, Everett*	24.48		24.48	
Hancock, Elison	6.12			6.12
Henderson, Hugh	47.88	3.00	39.27	5.61
Hilliard, Louise	5.61			5.61
Hodgdon, Charles	16.21		16.21	
Holder, Marvin	8.61	3.00		5.61
Holmes, Zennie	3.51	3.00		.51
Hooper, Oscar	14.28		14.28	
Hooper, Roy	3.57		3.57	
Hasty, Richard	10.20		10.20	
Jenkins Heirs*	57.63		57.63	
Johnson, Ethel	5.10		5.10	
Joynes, Abbie	173.40		173.40	
Keelty, Richard	3.00	3.00		
Kimball, Frank & Lucienne	21.93		16.32	5.61
Knight, Francis	72.42		66.81	5.61
Knight, Hollis	59.16		59.16	
Knight, Keith	124.44		115.26	9.18
Kosch, Frank & Louise	5.61			5.61
LaBranche, Mrs. Valles	5.61			5.61
Lakeman, Fred	3.00	3.00		
LaPanne, Albanie	25.08		25.08	
LaPanne, Gilbert	61.71		56.10	5.61
Littlefield, Ray & Minnie	25.50		25.50	
Locke, Arthur R.	5.61			5.61
Lord, Robert	123.42		117.81	5.61
McHugh, George	44.82	3.00	36.72	5.10
Meehan, Harry	3.51	3.00		.51
Merchant, Mrs. Russell	25.50		25.50	
Michaud, Albert	37.23		37.23	
Mick, John	7.59	3.00		4.59
Mitchell, Melvin E.	5.61			5.61
Monroe, Leon K., Jr.	3.00	3.00		
Morse, Bessie	11.21		11.21	
Mahoney, Howard	10.65	3.00		7.65
Neville, George	111.69		106.08	5.61
Noyes, Edward	8.61	3.00		5.61
O'Neil, Edward & Ethelle	62.01		62.01	
O'Neil, Howard	3.00	3.00		
Ouellette, Eugene	8.61	3.00		5.61
Ferrault, Oliver & Celia	8.61	3.00		5.61
Plaisted, Rodney	8.61	3.00		5.61
Pray, Chas. A.	17.34			17.34
Quill, Timothy	3.00	3.00		
Rainville, Norman J.	5.61			5.61

Richardson, Lillian S.	9.81		9.81	
Richardson, Maurice	5.61			5.61
Rix, Linwood	3.00	3.00		
Russell, Joseph*	8.61	3.00		5.61
Sargeant, Velma & Shirley Ann*	39.78		39.27	.51
Schoff, Clinton	58.59	3.00	50.49	5.10
Searles, Albert	5.10			5.10
Searles, Jack	8.61	3.00		5.61
Searles, Philip	.51			.51
Sinclair, Robert	5.10		4.59	.51
Skinner, Frank	3.51	3.00		.51
Snow, Roger	39.27		33.66	5.61
St. Lawrence, Ernest	.51			.51
Swett, William	5.61			5.61
Thompson, Ralph	4.02	3.00		1.02
Thurston, Ralph	8.61	3.00		5.61
Tremblay, Raymond & Katherine	5.10			5.10
Tremblay, Raymond, Jr.*	3.00	3.00		
Tuttle, Arthur	5.10			5.10
Vreeland, Sadie Est.	69.61		69.61	
Webster, Walter & Mary*	49.85		49.85	
Wheeler, Clair	10.20		5.10	5.10
Wendell, George III*	14.01			14.01
Whitten, Mrs. Helen	5.61			5.61
Williams, Howard	31.05	3.00	28.05	
Williams, Leon C.*	3.00	3.00		
Williams, Clyde	3.00	3.00		
Windle, Ethel & Robert Goodwin	449.31		443.70	5.61
Wyman, Linwood S.	15.64		15.64	
Beamis, James	6.12		6.12	
Bennett, Chas. F.	62.32		62.32	
Cochrane, Donald & Everett	20.91		20.91	
Cochrane, Donald	70.38		70.38	
Davidson, Thomas B.*	38.25		38.25	
Dutch, Chester Heirs	2.55		2.55	
Ellsmore, Laura	84.15		84.15	
Emack, William & Gladys	18.87		18.87	
Gautheier, Joseph	6.12		6.12	
Grass, Arnold	2.55		2.55	
Griffin, James & Julia	63.75		63.75	
Joy, Guy P.	2.55		2.55	
Lord, Woodbury Heirs	21.42		21.42	

McClure, Mrs. John	74.46		74.46	
Matyoska, Dr. Jos.*	12.75		12.75	
Mitchell, Mrs. Lewis	53.04		53.04	
Moore, John A.*	7.65		7.65	
Parker, Willie Jr.	43.35		43.35	
Proof, Howard & Barbara	215.22		215.22	
Rideout, Edward	216.24		216.24	
Spaulding & Sons	3019.20		2550.00	469.20
Williams, George A.	43.86		43.86	
Zuill, Frances & Elfrida Wardman	12.24		12.24	
	7691.88	123.00	6309.96	1258.92

*Paid since January 1, 1955

Prior Years' Taxes Receivable — December 31, 1954

	TOTAL	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1940	1939	1938	1937	PRIOR
Blaisdell, Clifford	$ 18.16								6.10			12.06
Blaisdell, Earl	28.44		3.36		25.08							
Boyd, Harry	10.47	3.00	1.47		3.00		3.00					
Chagnon, Romeo	3.48	3.48										
Clough, Charles	3.75				3,36	.39						
Coveney, Arvella	60.00	60.00										
Eldridge, Omer	5.28	5.28										
Emerson, Theodore	3.26		3.36									
Fontaine, Robert	8.28	8.28										
Fitzgerald, Henry	43.36								3.92	6.08	3.00	30.36
Gaudreault, Charles	19.09					3.39	3.39		3.31	3.00	3.00	3.00('36)
Golden, James	3.00									3.00		
Goodwin, Wesley	3.00								3.00			
Hasty, Clifford	18.00		3.00				3.00				3.00	9.00
Hodgdon, Charles C.	9.00							3.00	3.00	3.00		
Hunter, Edward	12.41									4.61	7.80	
Hunter, Edgar E.	15								3.00	3.00		9.00
Haines, Lloyd	3.00					3.00						
LaBranche, Anthony	3.00					3.00						
Lambert, William	5.78					5.78						
Lapanne, Howard	3.00					3.00						
Letellier, Roland	3.36		3.36									
Littlefield, Lester	36.04							6.98	13.98		9.72	5.36

Locke, Arthur	3.47					3.47					
Maddox, I. G. A.	72.00		72.00								
Mahoney, Howard F.	9.00								3.00	3.00	3.00('36)
Marcoux, Albert	3.00								3.00		
Marcoux, Archie	15.32					3.00	3.32	3.00		3.00	3.00
Meehan, Harry	6.84	3.48	3.36								
Merrill, George R.	15.00							3.00	3.00	3.00	6.00
Michaud, Patrick	5.28	5.28									
Mick, John	3.33							.33	3.00		
McDonald, Carl E.	9.00							3.00			6.00
McDonald, Fred R.	7.66										7.66
Merrill, Stanley	3.00				3.00						
O'Neil, Howard	1.48	1.48									
Ordway, Mollie	2.44							2.44			
Osborne, Keith	3.00							3.00			
Packard, Benjamin Hrs	17.60										17.60
Philbrick, Arthur	4.40										4.40
Quimby, Jeremiah	152.00										152.00
Reynolds, Clyde	6.00									3.00	3.00('31)
Rhodes, Ernest	6.00										6.00
Rollins, Joseph	3.00							3.00			
Rogers, Elmer	3.00				3.00						
Schoof, Clinton	39.68	39.68									
So. Berwick Pharmacy	73.20							73.20			
Stevens, John	9.10					3.00	6.10				

	TOTAL	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1940	1939	1938	1937	PRIOR
Storek, Carl & Martha	19.05							19.05				
Thompson, Ella	.36		.36									
Thompson, Ralph A.	12.00					3.00			3.00	3.00	3.00	
Tibbetts, Parker	6.96		6.96									
Tinker, Clement A.	3.00					3.00						
Taschreau, Maurice	3.00										3.00	
Thompson, C. A. Nathaniel Heirs	86.79											86.79
Tuttle, Arthur	9.00								3.00	3.00	3.00	
Tuttle, John	3.00					3.00						
Valvoline Co.	15.25								15.25			
Webster, John	18.79								3.30	3.00		12.49
Welch, Linirous F.	5.72							5.72				
Williams, Howard	37.81	3.00		3.00			3.00		3.00			25.81
Williams, Howard & Ethel	6.39				3.00	3.39						
Williams, Leon C.	3.00	3.00										
Walter, James	3.00					3.00						
Bennett, Romeo	3.36			3.36								
Eastman, Donald	3.00			3.00								
Fecteau, Albert	3.36			3.36								
Kormes, Peter	3.72			3.72								
Leach, W. B.	3.36			3.36								

Leclerc, Roger	3.36			3.36								
Bedell, Mrs. Richard	3.96			3.96								
Smith, Charles E.	3.00			3.00								
Smith, James	1.80			1.80								
Baggsen, Edward	3.00		3.00									
Follette, George	3.00		3.00									
Giles, Leroy	3.00		3.00									
Holmes, Zennie	3.00			3.00								
Quill, Timothy												
	$1069.10	135.96	112.23	31.92	34.44	39.95	21.86	44.17	154.83	43.69	47.52	402.53

Tax Liens

December 31, 1954

	Total	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1940
Allen, Arthur J.	$ 209.66	92.16			49.12	68.38	
Bennett, William Heirs	2.63						2.63
Boyd, Harry	3.60	1.44		1.08	1.08		
Chapman, Robert	151.98	151.98					
Cochrane, Donald & Everett	25.84	19.68	6.16				
Cochrane, George	61.60					61.60	
Coveney, Arvella	45.00		45.00				
Davis, Cecil T.	4.70						4.70
Dutch, Chester Heirs	2.40	2.40					
Gagnon, Rose	183.20	183.20					
Gonye, Richard	71.04	71.04					
Goodwin, Harvey P.	4.68				4.68		
Goodwin, Lydia	15.60	6.24	4.68	4.68			
Grass, Arnold	4.20	2.40	1.80				
Hancock, Elison	263.04	263.04					
Hasty, Ralph	4.84						4.84
-Hasty, Francis Heirs	31.08	17.76	13.32				
Hall, David	14.40		14.40				
Hussey, Virgil & Eugene Foss	11.55					11.55	
Houston, Alice	5.78					5.78	

Hilton, Clarence & Harry	13.17						13.17
Hilton, Harry P.	6.49						6.49
Kimball, Frank	10.84	10.84					
Leavitt, Winston H.	5.50						5.50
Lord, Arthur	9.60	9.60					
Lord, Woodbury Heirs	20.16	20.16					
Marcotte, Joseph	6.49						6.49
Merchant, Russell	42.00	24.00	18.00				
Moulton, George A.	7.70					7.70	
Michaud, Albert	73.56		20.28	26.28	27.00		
Mitchell, Mrs. Lewis	87.36	49.92	37.44				
Russell, Earl	7.20				7.20		
Stevens, Charles	9.84						9.84
Thompson, James Heirs	4.17						4.17
Thompson, Ralph A.	7.70					7.70	
Wheeler, Claire	8.40	4.80	3.60				
Williams, Howard & Ethel	30.96			11.16	19.80		
Williams, J. G.	17.64				17.64		
Williams, Geo. A.	41.28	41.28					
Williams, Howard	65.45	26.40	19.80			19.25	
Young, Clarabel	27.36					13.86	13.50
Mick, Leora	75.96			75.96			
Wilkinson, John	2.16			2.16			
	$1697.81	998.34	184.48	121.32	126.52	195.82	71.33

Tax Deeds

DECEMBER 31, 1954

	Total	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1939	1938	Prior
Bennett, Christopher	$ 48.71							24.51	24.20			
Bennett, Harold L.	13.13										6.57	6.56
Bennett, Mary Heirs	32.14											32.14
Bennett, Wm. Heirs	32.48		1.22	1.19	1.33		5.79	5.82	5.78	5.67	5.68	
Boston, Mrs. John	42.70							42.70				
Boston, John J.	52.59									13.97	14.05	24.57
Boston, Leon F.	28.66	28.66										
Cheney, Walter I.	22.50											22.50
Cochrane, George	67.72	67.72										
Coran, Etta	17.70								17.70			
Cossette, David & Irma	46.79	24.33	22.46									
Davis, Cecil T.	40.11							7.85	7.80	8.09	8.12	8.25
Davis, Frederick	205.63							71.11	70.40			64.12
Davis, Lida L.	325.99							163.67	162.32			
Dorr, Wm. J.	15.64										5.54	10.10
Frost, Walter	15.94							7.98	7.96			
Harvey, Chas. N.	32.10	8.09	7.91	7.82	8.28							
Hilton, Burpee	8.53									8.53		
Hilton, Clarence & Harry	48.46							16.26	16.10		16.10	
Hilton, Harry	18.62									9.29	9.33	

Hussey, Virgil & Eugene Foss	32.85	11.55	10.80	10.50								
Huston, Alice	10.47	10.47										
Lamprey & Bernstein	57.07										10.60	46.17
Leavitt, Winslow H.	7.75										7.75	
Littlefield, Elbridge Hrs.	18.20					18.20						
MacDonald, T. E.	41.61									7.43	7.43	26.75
McIntyre, Fred	130.15									130.15		
McIntyre, A. Raymond Hrs.	25.27											25.27
Marcotte, Joseph	28.46							9.63	9.55	9.28		
Marshall, Lilla Belle	43.31			40.53	2.78							
Martell, Sadie A.	26.17			26.17								
Martell, Theodore	17.86							8.31	9.55			
Mercier, Alfred	113.45											113.45
Michaud, Antonio	47.52	24.69	22.83									
Michaud, Ludger C.	1.29											1.29
Mick, John & Leora	123.08	123.08										
Moulton, George	125.37	7.70	7.20	7.00	7.80	11.43	11.23				10.90	62.11
Nute, Mrs. A. A.	44.57										44.57	
Parker, Nettie & Flora Pond	76.83			36.57	40.26							
Patterson, Charles	33.17										7.75	25.42
Perkins, Chesley	22.00									7.73		14.27
Pollard, Charlotte	43.29								43.29			
Pouloit, Jos. & Josephine	43.25											43.25

	Total	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1939	1938	Prior
Quimby, Jeremiah Heirs	57.08											57.08
Rollins, E. W. Heirs	38.50					38.50						
Roussin, Doris & Raymond	12.29								12.29			
Seneschal, Hector	52.58									13.97	14.04	24.57
Spence & Coombs	37.76										7.75	30.01
Stevens, Charles	38.21							12.94	12.81		12.46	
Stevens, John	44.36									10.60	10.65	23.11
Stevens, Lester	36.71											36.71
Stone, Edward	10.85									10.85		
Storek, Carl & Martha	23.35									23.35		
Swain, Ellen M.	48.87						24.36	24.51				
Thompson, James Heirs	56.88							7.34	7.26	7.10	7.11	28.07
Twombly, Ralph	22.14							11.29		10.85		
Tyler, Harold	49.65					24.96	24.69					
Welch, Linrous F.	10.23									10.23		
Young, Clarabel	204.78	13.86	12.96	12.60	14.04				16.43	15.85	15.95	103.09
	$2973.37	320.15	85.38	142.38	74.49	93.09	66.07	413.92	423.44	302.94	222.65	828.86

TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY — (Detail on file at Town Office)

Martha Burroughs	$ 1.44	Herbert Hill	371.94
Raymond Clark	70.89	Albert Norman	59.58
Simeon Dockham	10.80	Henry E. Warren	199.27
Lester Hinckley	7.16	Henry W. Weare	70.25
Carl R. P. Hilton	138.30		
J. Lester Manson	47.16		$976.79

Highways

Summarizing the expenditures of highway funds, you will note that the general highway appropriation was overdrawn. Application for State and Federal Disaster Relief has been made. However, we have received only $612.00 against this damage. Future reimbursement should cover most of this overdraft.

Again this year we were blessed with a light snowfall, helping to keep our expenses to a minimum. Certain expenses are created anyway, such as sand stock pile, salt for same, and repairs on equipment. Our equipment is old, and maintenance is great.

State aid money was spent on Agamenticus Road, starting at the home of Joseph Turnbull, and extending toward North Berwick. In order to build this road to state specifications it was necessary to remove a lot of ledge, which was expensive. A great improvement will be noted when this piece of road is completed. Town road improvement money was spent on the Tufts Road and the Ogunquit Road.

Due to the amount of work necessary to clean up after the hurricanes, we were delayed on other work. Therefore, the money raised for rebuilding Town streets was not spent. I do feel that Norton Street should be rebuilt this coming year as early as possible, so that a coat of tar might be applied when we do our tarring.

On the equipment accounts, our Ford trucks show a very good year. We were able to pay off our deficit of $1169.62, pay our running expenses, $1,000.00 on the note at the bank, and still show a balance of $325.46. These trucks are going on seven years old and are in need of considerable repairs to keep them in running order.

Due to the small amount of work necessary to removing snow, the Walters Truck fund still shows an overdraft.

The Loader account, due to the payment still shows an overdraft. The final payment of $1933.00 was paid in 1954.

As no blister rust work was necessary, the complete appropriation for Trees was spent on spraying. Due to the hurricanes, some work should be done this year on trimming out the broken limbs and cutting the weaker trees.

HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES & SIDEWALKS

Receipts

Appropriation	$7,000.00	
Reimb. for Town Rd. Improvement	2,920.94	
Reimb. from Rotary Club for school signs	61.43	
Received for gravel delivered	940.96	
Reimb. from State for Hurricane and flood damage	612.00	
Overdraft	2,259.78	
		$13,795.11

Expenditures

Labor	$6,337.53	
Town Truck Rental	3,635.26	
Town Loader Rental	880.50	
Private Equipment Rental	1,283.50	
Gravel	333.50	
Supplies	322.94	
Bushes	107.85	
Culverts	225.52	
Patch	91.60	
Catch Basins	202.50	
Work. Comp. Insurance	299.00	
Water for cemeteries	51.00	
Electricity	12.36	
Misc.	12.05	
		$13,795.11

WINTER CARE OF HIGHWAYS & SIDEWALKS

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 4,000.00	
Town of Berwick	354.38	
State	2,522.00	
Misc.	2.00	
		$6,878.38

Expenditures

Plowing		
Labor	$ 1,184.65	
Equipment Rental	1,067.25	

Sanding		
Labor	973.66	
Equipment Rental	924.25	
Salt	705.00	
Sand	40.80	
Equipment Repairs	933.89	
Care of horse	164.40	
Hauling salt	24.80	
Misc.	3.90	
Unexpended Balance	855.78	
		$6,878.38

TRUCK FUND

Receipts

Received from Truck Rental	$5,411.90	
		$5,411.90

Expenditures

1953 Overdraft	$ 1,169.62	
Gas & Oil	1,559.50	
Repairs	447.19	
Tires	108.74	
Insurance	122.92	
Parts & Supplies	678.47	
Truck & Snow Plow Loan	1,000.00	
Unexpended Balance	325.46	
		$5,411.90

LOADER FUND

Receipts

Loader Rental	$ 1,344.75	
Overdraft	1,988.63	
		$3,333.38

Expenditures

1953 Overdraft	$ 469.03	
Gas	55.85	
Repairs	682.90	
Tires	30.00	
Parts and Supplies	84.19	
Misc.	78.41	
Payment	1,933.00	
		$3,333.38

Walter Truck Fund

Receipts

Truck Rental	$ 262.00	
Overdraft	1,012.70	
		$1,274.70

Expenditures

1953 Overdraft	$ 899.25	
Gas	97.53	
Repairs	37.68	
Insurance	120.00	
Parts and Supplies	120.24	
		$1,274.70

DUMP

Receipts

Appropriation	$400.00	
		$400.00

Expenditures

Labor	$241.50	
Gas & Oil	81.09	
Tractor Parts	13.14	
Town Truck Rental	18.00	
Unexpended Balance	46.27	
		$400.00

REBUILDING TOWN STREETS

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,000.00	
		$1,000.00

Expenditures

Unexpended	$1,000.00	
		$1,000.00

BITUMINOUS SURFACING

Receipts

Appropriation	$3,000.00	
		$3,000.00

Expenditures

Labor	$ 248.00	
Town Truck Rental	214.01	
Town Loader Rental	36.00	
Private Equipment Rental	260.62	
Tar	2,053.23	
Sand	31.20	
Patch	75.00	
Repairs	13.17	
Unexpended Balance	68.77	
		$3,000.00

STATE AID

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,728.00	
From State for 1953	1,985.99	
State	2,149.74	
Overdraft	76.07	
		$5,939.80

Expenditures

1953 Overdraft	$1,985.99	
Labor	587.65	
Town Truck Rental	263.63	
Town Loader Rental	214.50	
Private Equipment Rental	2,878.25	
Supplies	9.78	
		$5,939.80

MAINTENANCE — STATE HIGHWAY

Receipts

Appropriation	$240.00	
		$240.00

Expenditures

Treasurer, State of Maine	$174.00	
Unexpended Balance	66.00	
		$240.00

TREES

Receipts

Appropriation	$400.00	
		$400.00

Expenditures

Abbott Bros. Tree Service	$397.50	
Unexpended Balance	2.50	
		$400.00

PROTECTION

Police Report for 1954

The Town Police Department consists of: Chief of Police George Mitchell, Lt. B. L. Ives, and Officers Frank Coffin, Lionel Turcotte, Carl Hillman, Herbert Warren, Lewis Joy, Franklin Goodwin, Archie Watts, Special Police Officers are: Richard Lilly, Albert Watkins, Lamont Kingsbury, and Policewoman Ida M. Mitchell.

The Police Department equipment includes: 3 pairs of handcuffs, 2 revolvers 38, 10 sets of badges, 6 billies, 6 night clubs, 7 blinker lanterns, 1 blinker lite, 1 automobile siren, 1 finger printing set, 1 raincoat and hat, and 1 set of tire chains.

156 requests for governmental agencies were made and investigated.

147 complaints were received and 139 acted upon.

A comparison of the arrested in 1954 and 1953 as follows:

	1954	1953
Motor Vehicle Violations	35	29
Drunken Driving	0	1
Intoxications	1	4
Assaults	4	3
Abandonment	0	1
Breaking and entering	1	0
	41	38

Of the $1700.00 appropriated at the annual Town Meeting $1540.65 has been used to pay the Officers for patrolling streets, directing traffic, supplies, etc.

At the close of this report I wish to thank the boys of the Police Department, also the Town Officials for their fine cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MITCHELL
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPT.

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,700.00	
Fines	19.50	
Telephone Reimb.	48.55	
		$1,768.05

Expenditures

Telephone	$159.25	
Wages	1,359.80	
Work. Comp.	21.60	
Unexpended Balance	227.40	
		$1,768.05

Fire Department

I herewith submit my report of the South Berwick Fire Department from January 1, 1954 to January 1, 1955.

1953		1954	
Alarm calls	59	Alarm calls	64
Calls no alarms	8	Calls no alarms	10
Total calls	67	Total calls	74
Including 4 emergency alarms		Including 6 emergency alarms	
15 out of town alarms		14 out of town alarms	

Our fire loss for the past year has been very small, due to the wet season, which kept forest fires at a minimum

and also due to promptness in answering alarms. The Rollinsford Fire Department has purchased two radios for their trucks and are on the same wave length as we are, we can talk back and forth with them at fires, this also enables us to call them when we need their help, or them to call us when they need ours. I feel that we have a very good group of men in the Fire Dept. which consists of twenty members, they are very interested in their work and more than willing to do what is asked of them. Their pay is $75.00 per year and at this time I recommend an increase in their salary of $25.00 per year.

The pump on the 1950 Chevrolet Tank Truck went bad this past year. There was no money available to purchase a new pump at the time. The members of the fire department voted to buy a new pump for the tank truck out of their fund. We purchased a one hundred and fifty gallon Leonard pump which was highly recommended. We also voted to purchase a Hale Portable Pump to be used at forest fires, which amounted to over $710.00. The purchase of these pumps for the fire department was made possible by the wonderful support of the people, to our lawn party, field day and beano parties. Again thank you.

The 1929 Buffalo pump is in very bad condition. I recommend that the pump be repaired.

We have twenty members in the fire department, five substitutes. We have twelve helmets, coats and boots. I recommend that an additional eight helmets, coats and boots be purchased that each member have his own helmet, coat and boots to protect him at fires and in the cold weather.

The fire alarm system at the station has been brought up to date. It is equipped to take care of 40 street boxes, and in the near future street boxes should be considered.

Please remember in case of fire, call Fire Department number 222. Keep as calm as possible. Give your box number, which is in the square, at the lower right hand corner of your fire alarm card. Give nature of fire, house, chimney, woods or other. If you give this information when calling the fire department, and give it correctly, it will save valuable time in answering your call, which might mean saving your home or other valuable property.

This marks my twenty fifth year in the fire department, nine years as your chief, and I heartily wish to thank the members of the fire department, the town manager, the selectmen, and the employees of the Central Maine Power Co. for their splendid cooperation given me at all times, also

I wish to thank the public for their splendid support, of our lawn parties, field day and beano parties, without this support, we would be unable to help in the support of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT WATKINS
Fire Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Receipts

Appropriation	$3,500.00	
Telephone reimbursement	1.40	
Reimbursement	5.88	
Overdraft	15.07	
		$3,522.35

Disbursements

Water	$ 62.58	
Supplies	295.37	
Electricity	243.33	
Gas and Oil	139.55	
Telephone	427.40	
Fuel	530.34	
Automotive parts and repairs	283.78	
Payroll	1,500.00	
Painting	13.00	
Snow removal	14.00	
Oiling fire alarm	1.00	
Radio repair	12.00	
		$3,522.35

Daniel Allen's Woods Fire	
Payroll	$ 913.23
Amount received from State	456.62
Time donated by firemen	456.61
	$913.23

FIRE ALARM EQUIPMENT

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,300.00

Expenditures

Superior American Fire Alarm	$1,172.89	
J. H. Butler	25.00	
Revere Corp. of American	102.11	
		$1,300.00

FIRE DEPT. INSURANCE

Receipts

Appropriation	$720.00	
Overdraft	17.40	
		$737.40

Expenditures

Fire Station	$281.50	
Workmen's Compensation	50.00	
Accident Insurance	126.00	
Fire Trucks	279.90	
		$737.40

STREET LIGHTS

Receipts

Appropriation		$3,273.00

Expenditures

Central Maine Power Company	$3,071.65	
Unexpended Balance	201.35	
		$3,273.00

HYDRANT RENTAL

Receipts

Appropriation	$3,812.00	
Overdraft	1,981.39	
		$5,793.39

Expenditures

South Berwick Water Corp.		$5,793.39

CIVIL DEFENSE

Receipts

Appropriation	$500.00	
Telephone Reimb.	1.10	
		$501.10

Expenditures

Telephone	$113.85	
Unexpended Balance	387.25	
		$501.10

Charities

Our Town Poor account shows an overdraft of $351.31. This is due mainly to the number of old age recipients whom we have to help over and above what they receive from the State. In asking for more appropriation for the coming year, we are faced with a large hospital bill for a Town charge.

During the past year, we have had 15 different cases. At present we have 7.

On State Poor, we have had 5 cases during the year, and at present we have 4.

Other Town Poor, we have had 6 cases, and at present 1.

During the year we had 7 cases on Aid to Dependent Children, and at present we have two.

CHARITIES

TOWN POOR

Receipts

Appropriation	$2,000.00	
Rent of Town Farm	100.00	
Overdraft	351.31	
		$2,451.31

Expenditures

Physicians & Dentists	$ 208.00	
Ambulance Transportation	15.00	
Board and Care	1,426.23	
Rent	12.00	
Groceries and Supplies	642.77	
Fuel	24.98	
Clothing	17.64	
Town Farm	102.65	
Misc.	2.04	
		$2,451.31

OTHER TOWN POOR

Receipts

Biddeford	$ 413.16
Wells	29.86
Caribou	65.95
Richmond	300.00

Paris	224.49	
Due from Eagle Lake	10.00	
Due from Richmond	467.37	
		$1,510.83

Expenditures

1953 Overdraft	$ 452.73	
Groceries	476.56	
Clothing	97.14	
Rent	422.25	
Fuel	29.15	
Physician	33.00	
		$1,510.83

STATE POOR

Receipts

Received from State	$1,446.28	
Due from State	75.98	
		$1,522.26

Expenditures

1953 Overdraft due from State	$ 102.56	
Physicians and Dentists	418.90	
Drugs & Supplies	101.33	
Board and Care	362.00	
Groceries & Supplies	289.58	
Clothing	82.89	
Burials	165.00	
		$1,522.26

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,400.00	$1,400.00

Expenditures

State Treasurer, A. D. C.	$869.58	
Unexpended Balance	530.42	
		$1,400.00

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of South Berwick:

I herewith submit my eighth annual report of the South Berwick School Department.

Teaching Staff

Central School opened for the fall term on September 8 with but three changes in the teaching staff. Joseph M. Mulkern of Portland, Maine replaced Leland McLean as teacher of Grade Seven. Mr. McLean had accepted a teaching position in Lebanon. Mrs. Beulah Chapman of Rochester, N. H., a former teacher in this school, was elected to the extra fifth grade position. And Patricia Stevens Lambert of Durham, N. H. returned to Central School as the teacher of one division of Grade One, replacing Aleida Morton McLean who resigned to accept a similar position in Lebanon, Maine.

Mrs. Jacqueline Heffren resigned at Christmas vacation and has been replaced by Mrs. Thelma B. Grant of Rochester, N. H.

The complete teachers' list is as follows:

Teacher	Position	Training	Yrs. Here
Robert S. Stevens	Principal	U. of Maine, B. S.	2
Sonia Johnson Young	Grade 8	Farmington, B. S.	2
Rachel A. Sturdivant	Grade 7 & 8	Gorham	3
Joseph M. Mulkern	Grade 7	Holy Cross, B. S.	1
Frances M. Nye	Grade 6	Plymouth, B. Ed.	3
Beulah K. Chapman	Grade 5	Atlantic Union Col.	2
Thelma B. Grant	Grade 5	Farmington	1
Alice B. Allen	Grade 4	Gorham	12
Joan P. Grunert	Grade 3	Farmington, B. S.	2
Lena D. Thomas	Grade 2 & 3	Farmington	4
Belva M. Beale	Grade 2	Machias	2
Helen B. Chesley	Grade 1	Leslie	33
Patricia S. Lambert	Grade 1	Plymouth, B. Ed.	4
Ethel M. Hanson	Subprimary	Gordon College	2
Ruth N. Brown	Music Supervisor	American Institute	9
Eugene H. Ploof	Instrumental Music	N. E. Conservatory B. M.	4

School Expansion

At a special town meeting in December, it was voted to accept federal funds and use not in access of $20,000 to construct two classrooms in the old auditorium area on the second floor of Central School. The project also includes two toilet rooms on the second floor and the enlargement of the cafeteria in the basement.

According to all statistics available, we can expect a steadily growing school enrollment for the next few years. Our primary classes are requiring two teachers for each grade; and if this trend continues for five years more, five new classrooms will be needed. The two new rooms that will become available should satisfy our immediate need for classroom space.

School Needs

It has been the policy of the School Committee to follow a planned program of building repairs and improvements each year. Annual repairs and renovations will prevent the outlay of a much greater amount if the building is neglected. Some of the future plans include: Improving the lighting in the Central School classrooms, installing modern desks and equipment, and refinishing floors.

Two full-time janitors are employed at the present time. These employees during the summer months do, not only all the necessary cleaning, but complete many repairs and renovations. All floors are waxed and dressed. They also revarnish and repair many seating units. Among some of the repair items accomplished by the janitors during the past summer included: Painting walls and ceiling of the main corridor in Central School; Painting and refinishing one classroom; Repairing and changing plumbing in boys' toilet; and the refinishing of all floors, including the gymnasium, cafeteria, and all basement floors. If this work had been contracted for by painters, carpenters, plumbers, etc., it would have been much more expensive. I feel we are fortunate in having janitors who are capable of doing our school repair work.

Physical Education

We are very fortunate in having available for school and community use a modern well equipped gymnasium. All schools in town have access to its use. A game and practice schedule has been arranged by the school principals. The elementary schools are stressing an intra-mural program in basketball in which all pupils in the upper

grades have an opportunity to participate. In this program emphasis is placed upon the fundamentals of the game and sportsmanship. A program of basketball for adults was started last winter, sponsored by the South Berwick Recreation Association. This program should be continued and expanded.

With these facilities available, it is possible to have a well rounded physical education program for children and adults alike. I recommend a full time director of physical education for the community, to coordinate and direct the program.

Music

Central School is experiencing an aroused interest in music. Our vocal groups and band under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Brown and Mr. Eugene Ploof respectively participated in the area and state music festivals. Each pupil has the opportunity of learning the fundamentals of vocal music and of participating in group or choral singing. Also each pupil has an opportunity to participate in the school band, if he has an instrument. Arrangements can be made for pupils to take private lessons on nearly any instrument at the school. The band of 30 members holds weekly practice sessions.

Finances

School costs are increasing this year because of the following reasons: 1. Enrollment increase at Berwick Academy. As South Berwick contracts with Berwick Academy, tuition costs are based upon a per-capita basis. At the present time the tuition is at the rate of $300 per pupil, and the probable increase is from 142 (South Berwick pupils enrolled at present) to an anticipated 163 next fall. 2. Increase in teachers' salaries. Due to the new minimum salary schedule, which calls for salaries from $2,400 to $3,200, and the increasing shortage of qualified teachers; substantial salary increase must be given first consideration. 3. Increase in cost of utilities. Water rates and electric light costs have recently been raised, effecting our maintenance costs.

However, due to an anticipated increase in state funds, the total of the school appropriations remains practically the same as last year.

The budget as approved by the School Committee and presented to the Budget Committee is as follows:

	1954	1955
Common Schools	$39,050	$39,800
High School Tuition	31,200	31,700
Repairs, Insurance, Equipment	4,881	3,600
Salary, Supt. of Schools	1,100	1,100
School Nurse	500	500
School Incidentals	200	200
School Lunch	1,000	1,000
Audio-Visual Equipment	200	——
	$78,131	$77,900

I wish to express at this time my appreciation for the fine cooperation I have always received from the School Committee, Town Officials, and Citizens of South Berwick.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD I. LIBBY
Superintendent of Schools

Report of the Principal of Central School

To Howard I. Libby, Supt. of Schools:

As principal of Central School, I am happy to make my second annual report to you, the people of South Berwick.

A lot has happened since my last report, most of it as a result of the effort put forth by the School Board, P. T. A., and the parents and friends of Central School.

Our biggest accomplishment has been the wise use to be made of the money from the Federal Government. To say that the new classrooms are needed would be somewhat of an understatement. Our present enrollment of 385 will increase over the coming years, and we will need the added rooms to educate our children.

The decision to give the parents a chance to have accident insurance coverage for their children was another high point. About 80 per cent of the students are covered, and already benefits of about $100 have been paid. Thanks

also goes to the groups who paid for insurance of several needy families.

Your school board voted 100% for a recommended change in our athletic policy. We are now running an intramural program in basketball and baseball. This gives every student in the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades an opportunity to participate instead of the usual 15 or 20. At the present time we have over 90 boys and girls playing on basketball teams.

Your school is now more beautiful because of the shrubbery planted by students last spring. The expenses were covered by money earned by the students. More of this is contemplated in the future.

A new picture screen was bought by the graduating class last year. This screen will make the numerous movies more pleasing to the students of Central School for many years to come.

Our library, new last year, now has well over 1000 books of all types for every grade. Many of these were donated by members of the P. T. A. New books from the current "best" lists for children arrive every month, thanks to Mr. Libby.

There are many other improvements here that cannot be mentioned because of the space it would require. We, the faculty, invite all of you, especially the parents, to come in and visit us at any time. We will be truly glad to see you and talk over any problems concerning your child or your school.

I should like to thank the faculty, the nurse, our very fine cooks and janitors, and all those connected with Central School for making this one of our best all around school years.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT S. STEVENS
Principal
Central School

Report of School Nurse

To the Superintendent, Superintending School Committee and Citizens of South Berwick:

I respectfully submit my fourth annual report.

The general health of the school has been good. This is in a large measure due to the willing cooperation of students, parents and school officials. We wish to thank John J. Murphy M. D. and Arvid Lundin O. D. for their ever willing help.

This past year has seen outstanding interest on the part of a number of our social organizations in our health program. It has been apparent in the extent in which they were willing to contribute to a major operation, eye and ear examinations and glasses.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all the people who have helped to make our program a success.

Respectfully submitted,
MARION D. CHAPLIN

Report of the Managers of School Lunch

To Superintendent Howard I. Libby and the Superintending School Committee:

I submit the annual report of the School Lunch program.

The school lunches started in September and have been on an average of 245 daily. This is a few less than last year as the Berwick pupils are taken to the Berwick schools. The pupils are charged 15 cents per meal, and is one of the few school lunch departments that has not increased its rates. The meal is classed as Type A, and meets the requirements of the State Department. This year we have been most fortunate to receive government surplus commodities including butter, shortening, canned beef, cranberry sauce, green beans, lima beans, dry milk, peaches, tomatoes, dry white and red kidney beans.

The staff in the cafeteria is the same as last year. They are Mrs. Beatrice Lane, Mrs. Beatrice Warren, Mrs. Susan Joy, and Mrs. Edna Tozier.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. BEATRICE LANE
MRS. BEATRICE WARREN
Co-Managers
School Lunch Program

South Berwick School Department

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Available

Balance 1953	$ 3,347.54	
Appropriation, Common School	39,050.00	
Appropriation, High School Tuition	31,200.00	
Town of Lebanon, Union Supplies	271.30	
Town of Eliot, Union Supplies	162.20	
Town of Berwick, Union Supplies	162.20	
Town of Lebanon, Clerk Salary	355.00	
Town of Eliot, Clerk Salary	355.00	
Town of Berwick, Clerk Salary	355.00	
H. I. Libby, For Textbooks & Supplies	16.16	
Ed. Slater, For obsolete Equipment	5.00	
Town of Berwick, C. S. Tuition	1,275.00	
R. S. Stevens, For Locker Keys	3.71	
Nat'l Geographic Society, Refund	1.00	
Roy Morgridge, C. S. Tuition	75.00	
F. Roger Miller, Rent of Land	20.00	
Town of So. Berwick, Rent of Offices	600.00	
Gymnasium Rentals	375.53	
Treas. of U. S., P. L. 874	6,140.51	
Treas. of State, School Subsidy	22,466.54	
Total Available		$106,236.69

Expended

Teachers' Salaries:	
Ethel Hanson	$ 2,225.69
Aleida Morton	1,583.40
Patricia Lambert	830.32
Helen Chesley	2,539.68
Lena Thomas	2,408.28
Belva Beale	2,313.20
Joan Grunert	2,321.78
Eloise Millett	1,504.31
Alice Allen	2,544.68
Jacqueline Heffren	2,489.68
Beatrice Wendell	1,406.63
Beulah Chapman	763.91
Frances Nye	2,706.56
Leland McLean	1,623.38

Joseph Mulkern	859.16	
Rachel Sturdivant	2,489.68	
Sonia Johnson Young	2,331.28	
Robert Stevens	3,204.68	
Eugene Ploof	672.04	
Ruth Brown	749.36	
Cora Currier	2,126.46	
Dorothy Flynn	28.00	
Vivian Plumpton	24.50	
Greta Benoit	295.00	
Ruth Hunt	56.00	
Marion Hilton	49.00	
Thelma Grant	177.50	
Glenna Lane	14.00	
Maine Teacher Association	180.00	
Teachers Club of Union No. 5	17.00	
Maine State Retirement System	2,099.68	
Washington National Insurance Co.	249.00	
Total Teachers' Salaries		42,884.34
Janitor:		
Herbert Warren	2,299.96	
Alden Stubbs	840.37	
Robert Stevens	43.00	
Leland McLean	68.75	
Lamont Kingsbury	1,513.45	
Town of So. Berwick	93.10	
Frank Guaglietta	2.25	
Gerald Libby	11.25	
Total Janitor		4,872.13
Fuel:		
D. F. Richard	128.25	
P. Gagnon & Son	2,948.53	
Total Fuel		3,076.78
Conveyance:		
Raymond Morgridge	6,425.09	
Walter Hichens	1,110.00	
Bernice Dimon	341.00	
F. Verrill Perkins	62.00	
Total Conveyance		7,938.09

Common School Tuition:		
Hyde Memorial Home	134.64	
Wells School Dept.	116.58	
Total Common School Tuition		251.22
Textbooks:		
D. C. Heath Co.	4.12	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	333.35	
John C. Winston Co.	65.76	
Ginn & Co.	232.26	
A. N. Marquis Co.	16.04	
American Book Co.	190.93	
Allyn & Bacon	73.57	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	40.04	
Silver Burdett Co.	3.77	
Field Enterprises, Inc.	4.50	
Grolier Society	56.01	
Birchard & Co.	9.03	
Webster Pub. Co.	129.13	
Macmillan Co.	73.16	
Doubleday & Co.	114.84	
Garrard Press	18.48	
C. A. Gregory Co.	8.00	
Bureau of Publications	2.87	
American Library Guild	16.28	
O. H. Toothaker	12.01	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	38.21	
Science Research Association	72.32	
National Geographic Society	6.50	
L. W. Singer Co.	46.43	
World Book Co.	11.28	
Charles Scribner's Sons	31.76	
Fred L. Tower Cos.	15.50	
Arlo Pub. Co.	23.80	
Lyons & Carnahan	24.48	
Beacon Musical Co.	33.66	
Follett Pub. Co.	62.00	
Jr. DeLuxe Edition Club	4.95	
Nature Program	3.30	
American Ed. Press	111.00	
A. B. Rider Associates	10.55	
Zaner Bloser Co.	7.06	
Dryden Press	3.24	
Total Textbooks		1,911.19

Supplies:

Headlight Film Service	12.50
Central Maine Power Co.	911.44
Loring, Short & Harmon	292.19
So. Berwick Water Corp.	233.24
M. F. Bragdon Paint Co.	165.27
C. B. Dolge Co.	130.99
The Dugout	12.34
James W. Brine Co.	26.58
Gledhill Bros.	17.20
Cascade Paper Co.	6.07
J. L. Hammett Co.	107.14
Arundel Print Shop	50.46
A. H. Murray	24.75
Kent Agency of Mass.	5.76
Howe's Highway Store	10.50
U. S. Sanitary Specialties	6.18
Don Sales Co.	58.00
Beckley-Cardy Co.	56.19
Junior Scholastics	128.00
Modern Taling Pictures	.39
A. Flanagan Co.	16.17
Whitman Pub. Co.	15.00
Scott, Foresman & Co.	4.99
Flynn's Market	.48
E. L. Canter Co.	14.75
Whiting Stationery	5.45
Colonial Refining Co.	20.00
Beacon Musical Co.	29.83
Speirs, Inc.	32.90
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	505.53
R. S. Stevens	14.44
T. C. Harrity, Acting Postmaster	38.48
C. S. Currier	10.15
J. E. Davidson	56.75
Milton Bradley Co.	439.05
Zaner Bloser Co.	17.05
V. L. Horr	130.00
Visual Curriculum Center	51.19
H. I. Libby	16.76
Calif. Test Bureau	25.79
M. & E. Trans. Corp.	3.62
World Book Co.	27.29
James Millward Jr.	3.12
Ginn & Co.	4.92

Treas. of State	25.00		
Vinton School Form	18.72		
Wheeler Paper Co.	4.30		
Calif. Wiping Material Co.	49.72		
Rochester Germicide Co.	14.35		
Luxor Lighting Co.	89.91		
J. P. Davis, Postmaster	76.57		
U. of New Hampshire	42.00		
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	92.35		
Ralph Pill Electric Co.	4.26		
Continental Press	26.88		
Eastern States Exchange	4.40		
College Bindery	40.00		
Tri-State Office Equipment	9.98		
Delkote, Inc.	2.26		
American Assoc. of School Administrators	10.00		
N. E. School Development	1.63		
H. T. Staples & Co.	2.69		
Parents' Institute	22.00		
Congdon Transportation	3.52		
Total Supplies		4,279.44	
High School Tuition:			
Trustees of Berwick Academy	39,550.00		
Wells School Dept.	133.68		
No. Berwick School Dept.	133.68		
Total High School Tuition		39,817.36	
Total Expended			105,030.55
Unexpended Balance			$ 1,206.14

REPAIRS/INSURANCE/EQUIPMENT

Available

Balance 1953	14.61	
Appropriation	4,881.00	
Jennie deR. Ricker, Premium Refund	471.40	
Richard Davis, Premium Refund	253.00	
F. Verrill Perkins, Premium Refund	9.04	
Robert Stevens, For Equipment	42.00	
Total Available		5,671.05

Expended

Repairs:			
Benoit's Garage		6.50	
Rideout's Hardware		202.23	
Arundel Print Shop		13.80	
L. J. Normand Sons		19.05	
Diamond Match Co.		32.18	
Seavey Hardware		8.35	
U. S. Sanitary Specialties	69.00		
Headlight Film Service	.85		
A. H. Murray	274.65		
Town of So. Berwick	49.50		
Stanley Johnson	40.50		
J. K. Horne, Inc.	54.70		
Colonial Refining Co.	90.00		
J. A. Bell	1.80		
Standard Electric Time Co.	34.00		
Pitcher & Co.	188.00		
Craig Holmes	83.32		
Roy Morgridge	5.46		
Greenland Services	4.43		
Hall Bros.	63.55		
Berry Floor Covering Co.	23.62		
J. L. Holcomb Co.	23.30		
Total Repairs		1,288.79	
Insurance:			
F. Verrill Perkins	3,726.55		
So. Berwick Central School	2.60		
Total Insurance		3,729.15	
Equipment:			
Ralph Pill Electric Supply	17.66		
Kent Agency of Mass.	19.75		
Greenland Services	210.00		
Berry Floor Covering Co.	49.86		
Total Equipment		297.27	
Total Expended			5,315.21
Unexpended Balance			355.84

SCHOOL NURSE

Available

Balance 1953	66.93	
Appropriation	500.00	
Total Available		566.93

Expended

Marion Chaplin	384.11	
Town of South Berwick	5.20	
Flynn's Market	17.31	
Hay's Drug Co.	11.31	
Pitnam-Moore Drug Co.	96.00	
Ralph Pill Electric Supply Co.	6.69	
Dover Drug, Inc.	21.63	
M. H. Lacy Co.	6.14	
J. L. Hammett Co.	4.72	
Total Expended		553.11
Unexpended Balance		13.82

AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT

Available

Appropriation	200.00

Expended

Headlight Film Service	200.00

SUPERVISION

Available

Balance 1953	50.04	
Appropriation	1,100.00	
Total Available		1,150.04

Expended

Howard I. Libby	1,074.94
Unexpended Balance	75.10

INCIDENTALS

Available		
Appropriation		200.00
Expended		
Robert S. Stevens	55.51	
Treas. of State	7.27	
Town of South Berwick	27.00	
Lamont Kingsbury	.60	
Herbert C. Warren	5.08	
Roy Morgridge	62.87	
Eugene Ploof	5.00	
Ruth Brown	8.75	
Total Expended		172.08
Unexpended Balance		27.92

SCHOOL LUNCH

Available			
Balance 1953		187.65	
Appropriation		1,000.00	
Cash Receipts		5,857.95	
State School Subsidy		2,031.43	
Total Available			9,077.03
Expended			
Salaries:			
Beatrice Lane	1,148.88		
Beatrice Warren	1,148.88		
Susan Joy	483.75		
Edna Tozier	483.75		
Total Salaries		3,265.26	
Supplies:			
Ham Bros.	47.00		
Roberge Bakery	543.93		
Benoit's Garage	15.00		
Central Maine Power Co.	175.85		
Flynn's Market	581.21		
Carpentier's Dairy	2,072.77		
Reginald P. Clark	77.20		

A. Lipson	117.20		
Cascade Paper Co.	1.31		
Don C. Barney	200.00		
Henry Stevens	21.80		
Carr-Consolidated Co.	116.82		
Clement's Market	264.13		
Rideout's Hardware	1.89		
John Sexton Co.	350.80		
Ad. Seidel Co.	69.52		
Sanford Food Lockers	60.17		
H. A. Johnson Co.	223.25		
Congdon Transportation	71.59		
Town of South Berwick	43.30		
Dube Bros.	122.95		
Warren Earle	86.49		
M & I Dist. Corp.	44.95		
H. P. Hood Co.	284.05		
Total Supplies		5,593.18	
Total Expended			8,858.44
Unexpended Balance			218.59

Inventory of Town Property

2 Walter Trucks
2 1948 Ford Trucks, No. F7, 4 yd. dump body with hydraulic controls, 1 spare wheel, 1 spare tire.
1 Ross V-21A Plow with wing. 1948.
1 Ross Blade 21A Plow with wing. 1948.
1 Old Sargent blade in fair condition.
1 T-40 McCormick & Deering Tractor 1934, with V-plow & two wings, hyd equipped, fair condition
1 Lincoln Welder
1 Horse-drawn sidewalk plow—fair.
1 T20 McCormick & Deering Tractor, fair shape.
1 Adams Leaning wheel road grader No. 8
6 Lanterns
2 road sanders—unusable
8 shovels, 2 diggers, 1 hoe, 2 brushes, 2 maddocks, 1 lawn mower
1 Adams Patrol Scraper, No. 41, Poor condition
2 Wheel barrows.

TOWN OFFICE INVENTORY

1 Office table—12' x 3' x 4' fair condition
1 Ballot box

1 Burrough Adding Machine—fair condition
1 Royal Typewriter
1 Todd Protectograph checkwriter
7 oak chairs—fair condition
1 Secretary's chair
1 4-drawer filing cabinet
2 2-drawer filing cabinets
1 Fireproof file cabinet
1 Large desk
1 Secretary's desk with typewriter well
20 Steel Folding chairs

TOWN FIRE EQUIPMENT

1 1940 Federal 500 gal. combination.
RADIO 1 - Master set
2 - Truck sets
1 1936 Chevrolet forestry truck, 200 gal. tank
1 Buffalo 600 gal. combination (1929)
1 1950 Chevrolet tank truck
1 Foam Buffalo Extinguisher
5 2½ in. nozzles
6 Indian back tanks
6 1½ in. nozzles
1 Light Plant and two flood lights
2 Extension Ladders
2 Roof Ladders
2 Fresh air smoke masks
2 All purpose gas masks
1 Resuscitator
16 rubber coats
12 fireman's hats
12 pairs of boots
2 Portable pumps, 1-500 gals., 1-100 gals.
1 Air whistle
3 Master boxes
1,500 ft of 1½ in. Hose
1,500 ft of 2½ in. Hose
4 Hand lanterns
1 mechanical foam pickup nozzle
2 2½ x 1½ x 1½ in twin hose connection
1 1½ in. apparatus gate valve
1 2½ x 1½ x 1½ in. water thief
3 CO2 extinguishers
2 emergency drag
1 Dry powder extinguisher

Inventory of South Berwick Central School Property

12 Classrooms
1 Classroom and auditorium combination
1 Teacher's room
1 Storeroom and library combination
1 Nurse's room
233 fixed desk-chair units
175 movable desk-chair units
11 tables
6 Primary tables
20 bookcases
78 primary chairs
64 obsolete desk chair units

14 teacher desks
330 auditorium chairs
2 sand tables
7 pianos
20 chairs
1 encyclopedia rack

Principal's Office

1 Rex-o-graph
1 Bell & Howell Sound Projector
2 small movie screens
1 stage screen 8 x 10
3 record players
1 film strip projector (1 new)
1 safe
1 2-drawer steel file
1 Remington noiseless typewriter No. XD519 642
1 desk & chair
1 public address system, 2 speakers, 1 mike with stand
1 tape recorder

Teachers' Room

3 wicker chairs
1 wicker cot
1 9 x 12 rug

Nurse's Room

1 teacher's desk and chair
1 set health scales
1 fold-away cot with mattress and pillow
2 white enameled steel cabinets (1 small, 1 large)
1 new examination lamp

School Lunch Room

2 electric stoves
1 ventilator hood and fan
1 Kelvinator refrigerator
1 Crosley refrigerator
1 electric potato peeler
7 plastic top tables
5 wooden tables
58 dining room chairs
2 serving tables
1 stool
1 movable cupboard
1 electric clock
14 doz. serving trays
2 garbage cans
1 wastebasket
Complete equipment for cooking and serving

Maintenance Equipment

1 new 20 in- Jacobsen power propelled rotary mower
1 Briggs Stratton Power Lawn mower (old)
1 hand lawn mower
1 steel wheelbarrow
2 wooden snow scoops
2 steel hand rakes
1 bamboo grass rake
1 24" Stillson wrench
1 12" Stillson wrench
1 box miscellaneous small tools

Playground Equipment

1 slippery slide
3 teeters
1 giant stride
1 set of swings
2 merry-go-rounds

Gymnasium Equipment

220 steel folding chairs
2 5 x 10 tumbling mats
1 volley ball set
1 electric scoreboard
Public address system, 3 miles, 1 mike with stand and 2 hand mikes

Office of Superintendent of Schools (¼ share owned by School Dept.)

1 double pedestal desk natural shade
1 Cosco steel office chair
6 steel folding chairs
2 steel desk lamps
1 secretary's desk
1 secretary's chair
1 Royal typewriter No. KMN 143-432315
1 Underwood typewriter No. 489-6121-12
1 Addo-x electric adding machine No. A81501
2 4-drawer steel filing cabinet
1 steel storage cabinet
1 metal typing stand
1 Masco steel typewriter table
1 5 ft library table
1 maple telephone table
3 card index cabinets
4 portable storage files

Debt and Interest

INTEREST

Receipts

Appropriation	$4,000.00	
Interest on 1954 taxes	206.18	
Interest on 1953 Taxes	122.01	
Interest on 1953 Tax Liens	28.14	
Interest on 1952 Tax Liens	4.29	
Interest on 1951 Tax Liens	26.22	
Interest on 1950 Tax Liens	45.76	
Interest on 1949 Tax Liens	30.73	
		$4,463.33

Expenditures

Bridge Note	$135.00	
Truck & Snow Plow Note	75.00	
Fire Station Loan	100.00	
Civic Center Loan	2,845.00	
Temporary Loans	831.04	
Unexpended Balance	477.29	
		$4,463.33

BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE

Receipts

Appropriation	$14,000.00	$14,000.00

Expenditures

Bridge Loan	$ 1,000.00	
Fire Station Loan	1,000.00	
Civic Center Note	9,000.00	
Civic Center Bonds	3,000.00	
		$14,000.00

BONDS PAYABLE—Walter Truck

Receipts

Jan. 1 Balance due Bond holders	$550.00	$550.00

Expenditures

Paid Bond Holders	$200.00	
Due Bond Holders	350.00	
		$550.00

Unclassified

MEMORIAL DAY

Receipts

Appropriation	$275.00	$275.00

Expenditures

Sullivan Nowell Post No. 38 American Legion	$275.00	$275.00

ADVERTISING

Receipts

Appropriation	$150.00	$150.00

Expenditures

State of Maine Publicity Bureau	$150.00	$150.00

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Receipts

Appropriation	$350.00	
Stipend Fund	35.00	
		$385.00

Expenditures

Trustees, Fogg Memorial Library	$385.00	$385.00

COUNTY TAX

Receipts

Appropriation	$3207.79	$3207.79

Expenditures

County Treasurer	$3207.79	$3207.79

OVERLAY

Receipts

Per Committment	$1554.81	$1554.81

Expenditures

Unexpended Balance	$1604.69	$1604.69

SALE OF TOWN FARM

Unexpended Balance	$4,500.00

Salaries Paid by the Town 1954

Bernard Bennett	$ 17.50	Lewis A. Joy	164.00
Robert Berube	49.00	Lawrence Kimball	3.00
Ray Bickford, Jr.	4.00	Burton Knight	31.50
Charles Boyd	99.50	Hollis Knight	8.00
Harry Boyd	35.25	Joseph Leveille	189.50
Alfred Brault	20.00	Margaret Linscott	15.00
John L. Brown	72.90	Dr. Arvid Lundin	41.65
Franklin Carr	44.73	Richard Lynch	31.00
Ronald Carignan	5.00	Charlotte Mayo	15.00
Richard Chaplin	101.00	Maurice Michaud	85.00
Richard Cheney	160.50	Samuel Mick	112.00
John Cleary	23.00	George Mitchell	528.00
Frank Coffin	243.15	Leon Monroe, Jr.	93.98
Margaret Colgate	7.00	Ruth Morse	8.00
Chester Cook	11.00	Dr. John Murphy	8.35
Frances Cram	7.00	Maude MacIntyre	939.98
Alfred Demers	814.50	Leland McLean	16.50
Roland Demers	25.50	Reginald Nadeau	9.50
William Early	15.00	Myron O'Neil	37.00
Charles Ellis	22.50	Roland Parent	15.00
Donald Emery	4.00	F. Verrill Perkins	20.00
Ruth Estabrooke	1135.50	Walter Pierce	7.00
Henry Fitzgerald	32.00	Arthur Pike	44.00
Joseph C. Gagne	279.55	Morris Pinkham	100.00
John Gaudreault	20.00	Robert Pinkham	40.50
Everett Goodwin	113.00	Rodney Plaisted	3.00
Franklin Goodwin	2668.50	David Rousseau	79.50
Roy Goodwin	8.35	Edwin Sargent	4.00
Russell Goodwin	11.00	George Shevelin	15.00
Clifford L. Gray	15.00	Evelyn Shorey	21.50
Everett Gray	9.00	David Smith	28.50
Ronald W. Gullifer	4000.00	Kathleen Spillane	150.00
Mary Harrity	16.00	Margaret Stedman	10.00
Fred Hayes	3.00	Kenneth Stowe	1.65
Archie Hilton	44.00	David Sullivan	21.00
Harry Hilton	9.00	Charles Thomas	53.50
Robert Hilton	20.00	Arline Tondreault	8.00
Edward A. Holmes	65.00	Edna Tozier	16.00
Carl Holton	3.00	Everett F. Tozier	20.00
Arlo Horr	3049.10	Lionel Turcotte	264.80
Edgar Hussey	25.00	Leo G. Vachon	27.00
Paul Hussey	182.00	Herbert C. Warren	11.00
Ralph Hutchins	19.50	Albert Watkins	500.00
Harold Irving	1024.98	Leon Williams	16.00
Grace Johnson	6.50	Wallace Williams	57.00

Payments Made by Town 1954

Abbott Bros. Tree Service	$ 397.50
Ralph H. Allen	16.68
A & P Tea Company	166.06
Arundel Print Shop	38.36
Balch Bros. & West Co., Inc.	9.94
Bancroft & Martin Rolling Mills Co.	195.34
Barrett Division	1748.63
H. Durward Bartlett	25.00
Benoit's Garage	455.69
Town of Berwick	40.00
Clifford Blaisdell	148.00
Mrs. Francis Boston	160.00
Blanchard Associates, Inc.	12.50
Caroline Blouin	25.00
P. R. Boston	500.10
Brackett & Shaw Co.	32.86
Brooks Motor Sales, Inc.	6.72
J. H. Butler	25.00
Caswell Auto Parts Service	7.63
Central Maine Power Co.	3327.34
James Cheney	3.00
Clement & Wentworth	64.00
Frank Coffin	159.85
V. H. Cogswell, Inc.	70.00
Columbian Steel Co., Inc.	156.38
Congdon Transportatin	1.10
Corner Variety Store	220.00
Craftsman Insurance Co.	765.79
Cunningham's Garage	114.40
Dan's Central Market	131.21
G. L. Davis & Associates	595.50
Joe P. Davis, Postmaster	75.74
Richard M. Davis	296.50
Demers Bros.	14.00
Diamond Match Co.	44.02
Dover Auto Body Co.	5.50
Dover Auto Radiator Repair Co.	15.00
Dover Drug, Inc.	51.26
Lawrence Dowe	72.50
Alfred F. Dube Co.	1.09
Samuel Dube	1.80
Dube Bros.	127.71
Dudley's Service Station	4.00
Chester G. Earl	241.52
Dr. David G. Eastman	35.90
Eastern Fire Equipment Inc.	110.01
Eastern Metal of Elmira, Inc.	61.43
Town of Eliot	3.00
Emerson's Drug Store	39.16
William Evans	25.00
Flynn's Market	373.71
Franklin Steel Company	452.25
G. Gagnon & Son	29.15
P. Gagnon & Son	124.18
John Gaudreault	40.00
Peter Gaudreault	13.00
Isaac Gilliland Heirs	3.60
Edwin S. Goodwin	82.24
Harland Goodwin	25.00
Russell Goodwin	16.80
Gorham Fire Equip. Co.	2.00
Harry Grant	1.80
Ronald W. Gullifer	500.00
Gunni-Sons Motor Service	263.48
William G. Hansell	25.00
Clarence Hasty	1.80
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.	8.14
Herald Photo & Engraving, Inc.	40.00
Archie Hilton	92.00

Warren H. Hilton	250.82
Hoitt & Wentworth	7.31
Edward Holmes	38.00
Kenneth Horne	87.20
Virgil L. Horr	219.05
S. Francis Hunt	12.00
Paul Hussey	38.25
Iofolla Crushed Stone Co.	91.60
Ida's Shoppe	28.99
Brighton Ives	6.80
Julian J. Jacyna	25.00
Jerry's Diner	9.20
Leon Jellerson, M. D.	19.00
Jenney Mfg. Co.	127.47
David K. Johnson	13.00
Harvey Johnson	31.20
George O. Jutras	187.76
Charles J. Kenney	15.75
Dr. John J. Keohan, Jr.	452.00
Kidder Press Co., Inc.	30.55
Geo. H. Kingsbury	.36
John Knight	9.00
Kenneth J. Kornetsky, O. D.	30.00
Lee Tire & Rubber Co.	69.54
Loader Fund	1359.75
Loring, Short & Harmon	7.28
Mrs. Gerald Lynch	287.73
Maine Municipal Assoc.	55.00
Maine Publicity Bureau	150.00
Maine State Retirement System	1071.62
Maine State Treasurer	1043.58
Marks Printing House	2.33
Ernest Martin	9.00
Margaret McCarn	611.90
McIntire Funeral Service	180.00
MacKenzie & Knight	5.00
Matrick's Restaurant	28.75
Joseph Michaud	12.00
Maurice Michaud	16.00
Samuel Mick	79.00
F. Roger Miller	39.95
Millett, Fish & Dresser	535.35
Miro-Flex Co., Inc.	10.86
Montgomery Ward	39.85
Morest's Little Store	126.00
Raymond Morgridge	994.15
Emma Morley	120.00
Dr. John J. Murphy	123.00
National Bank of Commerce	76217.09
National Shoe Store	5.98
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	30.18
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	869.70
Nutter's Rexall Store	10.91
Raymond J. Ouellette	82.16
Parent Bros.	36.00
Ernest Perkins	1.80
F. Verrill Perkins	571.56
August Perschy	1.80
Ralph Pill Elec. Supply Co.	13.90
Portland Tractor Co., Inc.	2413.11
Howard Proof	182.25
Harland Quint	38.00
Dr. C. F. Ramsdell	25.00
Ray's Electric Shop	30.00
Renaud's Tydol Station	43.73
John Cassily Tire Co.	43.70
Revere Corp. of America	125.00
Leon A. Richardson	45.10
Richfield Oil Corp. of New York	35.97
Rideout's Hardware	210.38
Roland H. Ripley & Son	78.29
Robbins Auto Supply	408.82
Roberts	132.87
A. F. Robinson Boiler Works	15.73

Myrtie E. Ross	240.00
Henry J. Ruch	2930.25
Sewage Disposal Serv. Co.	50.00
Sheetmetal Specialties Co.	6.22
George Shevelin	56.00
Barnett I. Shur	35.00
W. H. Shurtleff Co.	705..00
A. Singer	5.00
Edward Slater	61.00
Freeman J. Smith Agency	480.77
John G. Smith, Reg. of Deeds	147.60
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	1282.62
Nelson Somerset	1.00
So. Berwick Fire Dept	1956.62
So. Berwick School Dept.	600.00
So. Berwick Sewer Co	172.50
Town of South Berwick	1040.89
So. Berwick Trust Co.	12790.00
So. Berwick Water Corp.	5906.97
E. M. Spillane	29.83
Kathleen Spillane	43.00
Sullivan-Nowell Post Am. Legion	275.00
Superior American Fire Alarm	1172.89
Tidewater Assoc. Oil Co.	57.89
Alice M. Tracy	51.20
No. 1 Truck	3047.13
No. 2 Truck	2324.77
No. 3 Walter Truck	177.75
No. 4 Walter Truck	84.25
The Tropical Paint & Oil Co.	12.95
Lionel Turcotte	309.30
Turcotte Motor Sales	5.50
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide	8.00
Albert Watkins	533.22
George Weir	3.60
Town of Wells	260.00
Willis Wentworth	81.10
Whiting Stationery Co.	5.55
Windle Convalescent Home	608.60
York Note Book Mfg. Co.	5.00
York County Treas.	3207.79
The York Press	763.00
Yudy's	30.00

Notes Payable

	Date	Rate	Due		Amount
South Berwick Trust Co.:					
New Fire Station	8/26/47	2½ %	$1,000.00	Annually	$ 3,000.00
Great Works and Salmon Falls Bridge	4/20/49	2½ %	1,000.00	Annually	4,400.00
Truck & Snow Plow	4/20/49	2½ %	1,000.00	Annually	2,000.00
Civic Center	12/15/52	3 %	7,000.00	(1955)	7,000.00
					$16,400.00

BONDS PAYABLE

National Bank of Commerce — Portland, Maine	
Serial Bonds No. 1 - 46, Dated May 15, 1952 — Rate 2½ % Due $3,000.00 Annually for 6 years beginning 5/15/55. Then $2,000.00 Annually for 14 years beginning 5/15/61	$46,000.00
Serial Bonds No. 1 - 56, Dated June 1, 1952 — Rate 2¼ % Due $3,000.00 Annually for 14 years beginning 6/1/54. Then $2,000.00 Annually for 6 years beginning 6/1/68	51,000.00
	$97,000.00

TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:	Orig. Fund	Unexpended Income 12/31/43	Total
Sarah A. Shorey South Berwick Trust Co. Book 89	$100.00	145.12	$245.12
Lucy A. Gibbs Plummer South Berwick Trust Co. Book 91	50.00	9.77	59.77

No withdrawals during year.

Insurance Register

Item	Face Value	Premium	Term	Issuance Date	Expiration Date	Company & No.	Agent
Fire Station Bldg.	5000	126.25	3 yrs.	2/26/52	2/26/55	St. Mutual Fire Ins. Co., No. S5958	Davis
Fire Station Bldg.	5000	50.50	1 yr.	2/26/54	2/26/55	Phoenix Ins. Co. No. 1886	Davis
Fire Station Bldg.	10000	252.00	3 yrs.	2/26/54	2/26/57	Traders & Mechanics Ins. No. 18-207197	Perkins
Fire Station Contents	1500	29.40	1 yr.	4/26/54	4/26/55	American Eagle No. 1165	Turcotte
Fire Trucks - Fire ACV&	3500	23.22	1 yr.	4/26/54	4/26/55	Cambridge Mutual No. NAA-50965	Turcotte
Fire Truck - Liability	10000/20000/5000	259.00	1 yr.	4/26/54	4/26/55	Travels Mutual—MV-6825873	Turcotte
Fire Company - Accident	2000	126.00	1 yr.	3/28/54	3/28/55	Employers — 40564	Davis
Town Trucks	20/20/5000	122.92	1 yr.	6/9/54	6/9/55	Aetna, No. 6CA - 125124	Perkins
Walters Trucks	10/20/5000	120.00	1 yr.	9/22/54	9/22/55	Employers, No. XC-1765677	Davis
Loader	10/20/5000	84.19	1 yr.	6/21/54	6/21/55	Aetna No. 6CA-126012	Perkins
Comprehensive Bond	2000	162.85	1 yr.	3/30/54	3/30/55	American Fidelity No. 764599	Perkins
Workmen's Comp.		455.77	1 yr.	3/27/54	3/27/55	The Employers WC-3038750	Smith

Civic Center and Central School—250,000.00 Divided between Perkins, Davis, Ricker, Dube, Smith & Turcotte

January 14, 1955

To The Board of Selectmen
South Berwick
Maine

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, we have examined the books and records of the Town of South Berwick, for the year ended December 31, 1954, and submit herewith the following exhibits and supporting schedules reflecting the results of the operations of the various appropriations and revenue accounts, together with the financial condition as at the close of the year.

This examination has consisted of an audit of the records of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Collector. No examination was made of any records kept by any other department.

We examined vouchers, ascertained that they were properly approved, correctly recorded, and charged to the proper department or appropriation account. We also examined disbursements of the Treasurer and ascertained that they were properly authorized.

All commitments of the taxes to the Collector were examined and determined to be properly accounted for, either in cash, properly authorized abatements, or yet remaining uncollected on the records of the Collector.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLETT, FISH & DRESSER

Town of South Berwick, Maine
Comparative Balance Sheet

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

	December 31, 1954		December 31, 1953	
Cash on Hand and in Bank		$12,564.98		$16,239.61
Special Deposits:				
School Bond Fund	$ —		$ 13.30	
Truck and Plow	—		6.18	19.48
Accounts Receivable (Schedule AIV)		553.35		6,613.78
Taxes Receivable				
(Sch. AI)	$8,760.98		$7,109.50	
Less: Reserve for Losses	1,167.74	7,593.24	1,167.74	5,941.76
Tax Liens (Sch. AII)	$1,697.81		$1,456.20	
Less: Reserve for Losses	67.27	1,630.54	67.27	1,388.93
Tax Deeds (Sch. AIII)	$2,973.37		$3,987.92	
Less: Reserve for Losses	1,656.92	1,316.45	1,656.92	2,331.00
Tax Acquired Property		976.79		
Deferred Charges:				
Equipment (Revolving):				
Truck Funds	$ 687.24		$2,068.87	
Loader Fund	1,988.63	2,675.87	469.03	2,537.90
		$27,311.22		$35,072.46

LIABILITIES

	Dec. 31, 1954	Dec. 31, 1953
Accounts Payable (Schedule AV)	$ 832.08	$ 157.02
Treasurer's and Collector's Suspense	—	26.74
Tax Anticipation Notes Payable	15,000.00	30,000.00
Walter Truck Fund— Bonds Payable (Schedule AVIII)	350.00	550.00

RESERVES

Unexpended Balances:		
Appropriations:		
School Department	$ 1,897.41	$3,666.77
Library	385.00	
Proceeds from Sale of Town Farm	4,500.00	
Special Deposits	—	19.48
Excise Taxes	962.66	756.67
1955 Taxes	36.68	
General Fund Surplus (Exhibit "B")	3,347.39	105.02
	$ 27,311.22	35,072.46

DEBT FUND

Net Long-term Debt	$113,400.00	$128,400.00
	$113,400.00	$128,400.00
Notes Payable (Schedule AVI)	$ 16,400.00	$ 28,400.00
Bonds Payable (Schedule AVII)	97,000.00	100,000.00
	$113,400.00	$128,400.00

TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Funds:		
Sarah A. Shorey		
Savings Book No. 89	$ 245.12	$ 240.30
Lucy A. Plummer		
Savings Book No. 91	59.77	58.60
	$ 304.89	$ 298.90
Fund Principal	$ 150.00	$ 150.00
Unexpended Income	154.89	148.90
	$ 304.89	$ 298.90

Auditor's Certificate

To The Inhabitants Of The Town of South Berwick:

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That we have examined the accounts of your Treasurer, Collector and Selectmen for the year ended December 31, 1954, and find all funds properly accounted for and all expenditures supported by proper authorizations. In our opinion, the appended Balance Sheet fairly presents, in accordance with generally accepted principles of municipal accounting consistently maintained, the financial position of the Town of South Berwick as at December 31, 1954.

MILLETT, FISH & DRESSER

Under the Provisions of Chapter 361 of the 1947 Laws of the State of Maine, the Selectmen of South Berwick certify that a detailed report of the Audit is on file at the Town Manager's Office.

William A. Bray
Rene L. Benoit
Herbert B. Coffin
Harland C. Goodwin
Julian J. Jacyna
Simeon E. Marcotte
Michael J. Metrick

SELECTMEN OF SOUTH BERWICK

Comparison of 1954 and 1955 Budgets

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1954	1955
Salaries—Town Officers	$ 5,890.00	$ 5,760.00
Town Office Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00
Incidentals	1,200.00	1,000.00
Clerical Assistance	2,000.00	2,000.00
Election Expenses	600.00	200.00
Printing Town Report	700.00	700.00
Social Security Benefits	600.00	600.00
	$11,990.00	$11,260.00
PROTECTION		
Police	1,700.00	1,700.00
Fire Dept.	3,500.00	3,500.00
Fire Dept. Insurance	720.00	750.00
Special Fire Dept. Equipment	1,300.00	1,224.40
Street Lights	3,273.00	3,284.88
Hydrant Rental	3,812.00	8,195.00
Civil Defense	500.00	250.00
	$14,805.00	$18,904.28
EDUCATION		
Common Schools	39,050.00	39,800.00
High School Tuition	31,200.00	31,700.00
Repairs, Equipment & Insurance	4,881.00	3,600.00
Educational Administration	1,100.00	1,100.00
School Lunch	1,000.00	1,000.00
School Nurse	500.00	500.00
Incidentals	200.00	200.00
Audio Visual	200.00	
	$78,131.00	$77,900.00
WELFARE		
Town Poor	2,000.00	4,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,400.00	800.00
	$ 3,400.00	$ 4,800.00

HIGHWAYS		
Highways, General	7,000.00	8,000.00
Winter Care	4,000.00	4,000.00
Bituminous Surfacing	3,000.00	3,000.00
State Aid	1,728.00	1,728.00
Repairs to Town Street	1,000.00	2,000.00
Winter Care—State Highways	240.00	240.00
Town Dump	400.00	400.00
Care of Trees	400.00	400.00
	$17,768.00	$19,768.00
UNCLASSIFIED		
Interest	4,000.00	3,500.00
Abatements	500.00	500.00
Debt Reduction	14,000.00	15,000.00
Advertising	150.00	
Memorial Day	275.00	275.00
Library	350.00	350.00
	$19,275.00	$19,625.00
Appropriation	145,369.00	152,257.28
County Tax	3,207.79	3,207.79
	148,576.79	155,465.07
Less Excise Taxes	10,000.00	11,000.00
Less Surplus		3,088.94
Total raised from Taxes	138,576.79	140,376.13

If the above Budget is accepted and the valuation of the Town remains the same, the tax rate will increase above $2.00 per $1,000 of the assessed valuation. However, if the Federal money is used the tax rate could remain the same and possibly $1.00 less.

Report of the Budget Committee

For the

Town of South Berwick

Year ending December 31, 1954

January 31, 1955

To the Citizens of South Berwick:

The Budget Committee elected for the purpose of making recommendations as to the estimate of money needed for the various Town activities for the ensuing year respectfully submits herewith its recommendations for the Articles contained in the following Warrant.

Using these recommendations and estimating the valuations of the Town for the year 1955 the tax rate will be approximately $53.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

The Budget recommended on the following pages represents the best judgement of the entire Budget Committee based upon the needs of the Town and upon the ability of the Town to pay. The Budget Committee met with the Selectmen and Town Manager in order to become familiar with the needs of the Town and how last year's appropriations were being spent. Meetings were also held with representatives from each of the following groups: Police Department and School Board to determine their needs for the 1955 Budget.

ADMINISTRATION

Due to the increase in Hydrant Rental, and costs for Town Poor, there is a marked increase in cost of administration.

EDUCATION

Total appropriations for 1955 are slightly lower than 1954. This appropriation also includes a salary for one new teacher.

CIVIC CENTER

Payment on the Civic Center this year will come to $13,000.00, plus nearly $2,500.00 for interest. The scheduled payment for next year will be $6,000.00.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

$1,224.40 is recommended for the purpose of new fire department equipment necessary to keep this department up to date.

While the budget for the coming year shows a considerable increase, it is the opinion of the Committee that the Budget represents what is necessary for the welfare of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

James K. Monroe, Chairman
Elmer W. Perkins
Reginald P. Clark
Kenneth R. Stowe
Frank Coffin
Herman Goodwin
Philip R. Henderson

Warrant

STATE OF MAINE
YORK, S. S.

To Herbert C. Warren, Constable of the Town of South Berwick, in the County of York, and State of Maine:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are required to notify the inhabitants of said Town of South Berwick, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Civic Center in said Town on Saturday, the fifth day of March A. D., 1955, at 6 o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the articles below to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a Town Clerk, 2 Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, one for three years and one for two years, one member of the School Committee, Fire Chief and other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. Polls will be open from 6 A. M. to 2 P. M. Business Session 7:30 P. M. at South Berwick Civic Center.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town; such loan or loans to be paid during the current municipal year out of money raised during said current municipal year by taxes.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen to borrow after January 1, 1956 in anticipation of taxes to be assessed and collected in the year 1956 a sum sufficient to cover the expenses incurred in the operation of the Town from January 1, 1956, until the date of the following regular Town Meeting, to be paid out of the appropriation for the then current municipal year out of money raised during said municipal year by taxation, and to issue the note or notes of the Town therefor, signed by the Selectmen and the Town Manager, upon such rate of interest and otherwise upon

such terms consistent with the foregoing as the Selectmen may determine to be most advantageous to the Town.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen, in behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, and execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen to sell and assign unmatured tax mortgage liens for not less than the amount unpaid and interest and costs thereon.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Collector of taxes to charge and collect interest at a rate of six per cent, to be retroactive from September 1, 1955, on all taxes uncollected as of November 1.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to elect a Budget Committee for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to have a street light installed on pole No. 21, situated on the Agamenticus Road opposite the residence of Warren Hilton, and raise a sum of $13.50 to pay service on said light.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to have a street light installed on pole No. 39 - 7, located on Witchtrot Road, near the home of Everett Goodwin, and raise the sum of $13.50 to pay service on said light.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to hold its annual Town Meeting on a Saturday in March.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

APPROPRIATION ARTICLES

ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Incidental Expenses.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,000.00.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries of Town Officers.

Budget Committee Recommends $5,760.00 (Town Clerk $20.00, Fire Chief $500.00, Asst. Chief $100.00, School Board $60.00, Board of Health $80.00, Town Manager $4,000.00, Town Manager Expenses $500.00, Revaluation $500.00).

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the expenses of the Town Office.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,000.00.

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of furnishing clerical assistance in the Town Office.

Budget Committee Recommends $2,000.00.

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of paying moderator, tellers and election officers.

Budget Committee Recommends $200.00.

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for printing the Town Report.

Budget Committee Recommends $700.00.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 to pay the Town's share of Employee's benefits under the Social Security Act, as passed by the Town, per Article 12, of the 1953 Warrant.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

PROTECTION

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Police Protection.

Budget Committee recommends $1,700.00.

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the rent of hydrants for Fire Protection.

Budget Committee Recommends $8,195.00.

ARTICLE 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of the Fire Department.

Budget Committee Recommends $3,500.00.

ARTICLE 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights.

Budget Committee Recommends $3,257.88.

ARTICLE 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing accident insurance for the Firemen, and to insure the Fire Trucks against liability and fire, and Fire House against fire.

Budget Committee Recommends $750.00.

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civil Defense and Public Safety.

Budget Committee Recommends $250.00.

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to repair the Buffalo fire truck and purchase other necessary equipment.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,224.40.

CHARITIES

ARTICLE 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee Recommends $800.00.

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Support of Poor.

Budget Committee Recommends $4,000.00.

EDUCATION

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Superintending School Committee to make a contract with Berwick Academy for the education of Secondary School children.

Budget Committee Recommends adoption.

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Support of schools.

Budget Committee Recommends $71,500.00 (Common $39,800.00, High School $31,700.00).

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for school building repairs, equipment and insurance.

Budget Committee Recommends $3,600.00.

ARTICLE 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for incidental school expenses.

Budget Committee Recommends $200.00.

ARTICLE 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Educational Administration.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,100.00.

ARTICLE 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of School Nurse.

Budget Committee Recommends $500.00.

ARTICLE 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for School Lunch Program.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,000.00.

HIGHWAYS

ARTICLE 35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Budget Committee Recommends $8,000.00.

ARTICLE 36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Winter Care of Highways and Sidewalks.

Budget Committee Recommends $4,000.00.

ARTICLE 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Bituminous Surfacing for roads.

Budget Committee Recommends $3,000.00.

ARTICLE 38. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid Roads Construction (in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges) under the provision of Section 25 and 29, Chapter 20, Revised Statutes of 1944, as amended.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,728.00.

ARTICLE 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the rebuilding of Town Streets.

Budget Committee Recommends $2,000.00.

ARTICLE 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of Trees.

Budget Committee Recommends $400.00.

ARTICLE 41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance, including snow removal of State Highway.

Budget Committee Recommends $240.00.

ARTICLE 42. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of the Town Dump.

Budget Committee Recommends $400.00.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1500 for further construction of old South Road, by Monroe's Greenhouse.

Budget Committee Recommends no appropriation.

UNCLASSIFIED

ARTICLE 44. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Interest.

Budget Committee Recommends $3,500.00.

ARTICLE 45. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Abatements.

Budget Committee Recommends $500.00.

ARTICLE 46. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

Budget Committee Recommends $275.00.

ARTICLE 47. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the free Public Library.

Budget Committee Recommends $350.00.

ARTICLE 48. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay outstanding notes.

Budget Committee Recommends $15,000.00 ($1,000.00 Bridge Note, $1,000.00 Fire Station Note, $13,000.00 Civic Center Bonds & Loans).

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply toward Civic Center bonded indebtedness any balance of federal funds forthcoming from Application Maine 51-C-11 A X made under Public Law 815 over $20,000.00 which was allocated for school construction at the Special Town Meeting on December 20, 1954. Such balance to reduce the amount to be appropriated under the provisions of Article 48, provided such funds are available before date of committment.

Budget Committee Recommends adoption.

ARTICLE 50. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for advertising our natural resources, advantages and attractions, under the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, of the Revised Statutes. Said money to be expended through the State of Maine Publicity Bureau.

Budget Committee Recommends no appropriation.

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to use the $4500.00 received from the sale of the Town farm to build a Town garage.

Budget Committee Recommends discussion.

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to dispose of the $4500.00 received from the sale of the Town farm.

Budget Committee Recommends discussion.

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to allocate Motor Vehicle Excises and unappropriated surplus to reduce the amount of money to be raised from property taxes.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

Hereof Fail Not and have you there and then this warrant with your doings thereon.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the above named hall and place of meeting on Saturday, March 5, 1955, from 6 o'clock in the forenoon until the polls are closed, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hand in the Town of South Berwick, this fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hunderd and fifty five.

WILLIAM A. BRAY
RENE L. BENOIT
HERBERT B. COFFIN
HARLAND C. GOODWIN
JULIAN J. JACYNA
SIMEON E. MARCOTTE
MICHAEL J. METRICK
Selectmen of South Berwick

A true copy — Attest
HERBERT C. WARREN
Constable

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IMPORTANT
Notice To Taxpayers

All taxpayers should read the following requirement and comply with it. Section 35, Chapter 81, Revised Statutes of Maine, 1944:

"Before making an assessment, the Assessors shall give seasonable notice in writing to the Inhabitants, by posting notification in some place in Town, or shall notify them, in such other ways as the Town directs, TO MAKE AND BRING IN TO THEM TRUE AND PERFECT LISTS OF THEIR POLLS AND ALL THEIR ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL, NOT BY LAW EXEMPT FROM TAXATION OF WHICH THEY WERE POSSESSED ON THE FIRST DAY OF APRIL OF THE SAME YEAR."

If any resident owner, after such notice, or any non-resident owner after being reasonably requested thereto by the Assessors, does not bring in such lists, he is thereby barred of his right to make application to the Assessors or the County Commissioners for any abatement of his taxes, unless he offers such list with his application and satisfies them that he was unable to offer at the time appointed, the request upon non-resident owners may be proved by notice sent by mail directed to the last known address of the taxpayer or given by any other method that brings notice home to the taxpayer.

WILLIAM A. BRAY
RENE L. BENOIT
HERBERT B. COFFIN
HARLAND C. GOODWIN
JULIAN J. JACYNA
SIMEON MARCOTTE
MICHAEL J. METRICK
Assessors of South Berwick

The Assessors will be in session at their office on the Second day of April, 1955 from 7:00 P. M. to 10:00 P. M. and on April 4, 1955, from 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 Noon for the purpose stated above.

Dog Owners—ATTENTION

Dogs may be licensed during February and March. They must be licensed by April 1, 1955. (Blanks are now ready). If it is necessary to issue a warrant to a constable to collect delinquent dog licenses there will be additional costs to the taxpayer.

ANNUAL REPORT

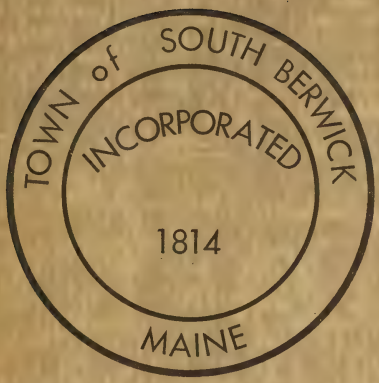
OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

SOUTH BERWICK

MAINE



1955

TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

Town of
South Berwick, Maine

February 1, 1956

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of South Berwick

I hereby submit my third annual report of the administration of the Town of South Berwick for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955.

I would like to call your attention to the financial condition of South Berwick. It has, for the past three years, steadily improved. I believe that we are working on a sound program and should continue to do so.

I am not proud of the equipment account and in my opinion can only be improved by replacing the old, worn out machinery to cut the cost of maintenance. This is clearly shown in this year Ford Truck Fund.

I think it only fitting and proper to mention the condition of the South Berwick Fire Department. I feel that the Chief and personnel of this organization deserve our congratulations for their conduct.

Your Budget Committee has studied the various reports and recommendations and in turn have made recommendations of their own. I feel that for the best interest of the town, their recommendations should be very carefully considered.

To express my thanks to all the personnel of the Town individually would take pages, therefore, I take this opportunity to thank one and all for your cooperation, which is necessary for the betterment of South Berwick.

Respectfully yours,

RONALD W. GULLIFER
Town Manager

Town Officers for the Year Ending December 31, 1955

ELECTED OFFICERS

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

	Term Expires
Harland Goodwin, Chairman	1956
Simeon Marcotte	1956
Michael Metrick	1956
Rene L. Benoit	1957
Herbert B. Coffin	1957
Kenneth R. Stowe	1957
Joseph J. Blackmore	1958

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

F. Verrill Perkins, Chairman	1957
Everett Tozier (Resigned July 1st)	1956
Cecil R. Horr	1956
Mildred Flynn	1958

TOWN CLERK
Kathleen Spillane

MODERATOR
Roland Parent

FIRE CHIEF
Albert Watkins

CONSTABLE
Herbert C. Warren

APPOINTED OFFICERS

TOWN MANAGER, POOR AGENT, TREASURER, TAX COLLECTOR AND ROAD COMMISSIONER
Ronald W. Gullifer

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Howard I. Libby (Resigned July 31, 1955)
Hubert Redding

POLICE CHIEF AND SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
Frank Coffin

BOARD OF HEALTH
Dr. J. J. Murphy
Margaret Steadman
Marion Chaplin

HEALTH OFFICER
Dr. J. J. Murphy

Highlights for 1955

State Aid money spent to complete the Old South Road. This was the last year that we could get state matching funds for this road. As soon as Route 103 is completed the Old South Road will become a Town way, maintained wholly by the Town.

Purchase of 2 F-700 Ford Trucks.

Tax rate $51 per thousand valuation, the same as 1954.

95.56% of the taxes collected before the books closed December 31, 1955.

Norton Street from Fire Station to Goodwin Street rebuilt and surfaced.

Mr. Karl Ladd appointed Director of Civil Defense and Public Safety.

A complete set of Town Reports from 1893 to 1955 have been bound in book form and are kept in the Town Vault.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Any money spent for advertising be directed to the Board of Trade of South Berwick.

That the Townspeople consider zoning ordinances for South Berwick.

Continue to rebuild town streets.

Continue to replace town owned equipment with new.

That a garage be built to house the town owned equipment.

That a committee be elected to compile a History of the Town of South Berwick.

Assessors Report

	1953	1954	1955
Real Estate, Resident	$1,898,160.00	$1,915,080.00	$1,920,990.00
Real Estate, Non-Resident	559,650.00	533,900.00	530,890.00
Total Real Estate	$2,457,810.00	$2,448,980.00	$2,451,880.00
Personal Estate, Resident	$ 168,960.00	171,400.00	181,750.00
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	24,740.00	59,220.00	31,310.00
Total Personal Estate	193,700.00	230,620.00	213,060.00
Total Town Valuation	$2,651,510.00	$2,679,600.00	$2,664,940.00
Total State Valuation	1,719,000.00	1,719,000.00	3,600,000.00
Appropriation Voted (from Taxes)	134,629.00	145,369.00	147,833.78
Overlay	1,604.69	1,554.81	2,417.10
County Tax	3,207.79	3,207.79	2,880.00
To be raised	$ 139,441.48	$ 150,131.60	$ 153,130.88
Less Polls (@ 3.00)	2,169.00	2,172.00	2,130.00
Less Motor Vehicle Excise	10,000.00	11,300.00	12,000.00
Less Unappropriated Surplus			3,088.94
Raised by Property Tax	127,272.48	136,659.60	135,911.94

ABATEMENTS

Name	Amount	Reason
Harold Bennett	$ 9.29	To correct error
Richard Dagan	3.00	Double taxation
Emma L. Ferrin	14.28	Error in assessment
Albert Holmes	3.00	Error in assessment
Leon Gray	3.00	Error in assessment
Irving Cole	3.00	Over 70
Herbert Schindler	3.00	Error in assessment
Ellis & Anna Hatch	17.34	Error in assessment
Ronald Howarth	3.00	Error in assessment
Robert L. Boston	5.61	Error in assessment
Virgil Horr	3.00	Error in assessment
Allan Wolcott	3.00	Error in assessment

PRIOR YEARS' ABATEMENTS

Name	Amount	Year	Reason
Hancock, Elison	$6.12	1954	Unable to locate
Kosch, Frank	5.61	1954	Paid elsewhere
Lakeman, Fred	3.00	1954	Paid elsewhere
Rainville, Norman	5.61	1954	Error in assessment
Skinner, Frank	3.51	1954	Unable to locate
Shagnon, Romeo	3.48	1953	Deceased
Emerson, Theodore	3.36	1952	Unable to locate
Baggsen, Edward	3.00	1952	Unable to locate
Holmes, Zennie	3.00	1952	Paid elsewhere
Kormes, Peter	3.72	1951	Unable to locate
Leach, W. B.	3.36	1951	Unable to locate
Eedell, Mrs Richard	3.96	1951	Unable to locate
Smith, Charles E.	3.00	1951	Unable to locate
Smith, James	1.80	1951	Unable to locate
Haine, Lloyd	3.00	1949	Paid elsewhere
LaBranche Anthony	3.00	1949	Unable to locate
Lapanne, Howard	3.00	1949	Unable to locate
Rogers, Elmer	3.00	1949	Error in assessment
Tinker, Clement	3.00	1949	Paid elsewhere
Walter, James	3.00	1949	Unable to locate
Stevens, John	9.10	1948 & 1940	Unable to locate
Storek, Carl & Martha	19.05	1940	Unable to locate
Welch, Linirous F.	5.72	1940	Unable to locate
Fitzgerald, Henry	43.36	1939, 1938, 1937 & Prior	Uncollectable
Goodwin, Wesley	3.00	1939	Unable to locate
Hodgdon, Charles C.	9.00	1940, 1939, 1938	Deceased

Hunter, Edgar	15.00	1939, 1938 & Prior	Unable to locate
MacDonald, Carl	9.00	1940 & Prior	Unable to locate
Ordway, Mollie	2.44	1939	Unable to locate
Osborne, Keith	3.00	1939	Paid elsewhere
Rollins, Joseph	3.00	1939	Deceased
So. Ber. Pharmacy	73.20	1939	Uncollectable
Valvoline Oil	15.25	1939	Uncollectable
Golden, James	3.00	1938	Deceased
Hunter, Edward	12.41	1938 & 1937	Unable to locate
Marcoux, Albert	3.00	1938	Paid elsewhere
Reynolds, Clyde	6.00	1937 & Prior	Paid elsewwhere
Packard, Benj. Hrs	17.60	Prior to 1937	Uncollectable
Rhodes, Ernest	6.00	Prior to 1937	Unable to locate
Littlefield, Lester	36.04	1940, 1939 & 1937 & Prior	Error in Assessment
Taschreau, Maurice	3.00	1937	Unable to locate
MacDonald, Fred R.	7.66	Prior to 1937	Unable to locate

Total abatements $445.88

Report of Town Clerk

December 31, 1955

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

220 males	$198.00
110 spayed	99.00
45 females	220.50
4 kennels	39.60
Total amount remitted to State Treas.	$557.10

REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS

Recorded for 1955

Deaths	56
39 residents, 8 non-residents, 9 brought here for burial	
Births	58
Marriages	50

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Spillane
Town Clerk

Report of the Board of Health

February 1, 1956

The Board of Health for the Town of South Berwick, in compliance with the laws of the State of Maine, would submit the following report for the year ending February 1, 1956.

The number of notifiable diseases was:

Chicken pox	14 reported
Whooping cough	3 reported
Measles	18 reported
German measles	27 reported
Poliomyelitis	2 reported
Pneumonia	4 reported

A clinic for Smallpox vaccinations and diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus immunizations was held for school and pre-school children. Also a clinic for poliomyelitis immunization was well attended. Further plans have been made to immunize children between the ages of five and fourteen years.

The whole hearted cooperation of all the Townsfolk is most appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. JOHN J. MURPHY
Board of Health, Chairman

General Government

The appropriation for Town Officials was the same as last year.

Overdrafts will be noted in Clerical Assistance and Election accounts. The reason for these were due to conditions beyond our power to foresee at the time appropriations were made.

Other accounts show balances, however, some are very small.

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Receipts

Appropriation	$5,390.00	
		$5,390.00

Expenditures

Town Manager	$4,000.00	
Town Manager Expenses	500.00	
Fire Chief	500.00	
Assistant Fire Chief	100.00	
Board of Health	70.00	
School Board	60.00	
Town Clerk	150.00	
Unexpended	10.00	
		$5,390.00

TOWN OFFICE EXPENSE

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,000.00	
Telephone reimbursement	2.35	
		$1,002.35

Expenditures

Telephone	$ 211.45	
Rent	600.00	
Unexpended Balance	190.90	
		$1,002.35

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,000.00	
Lien costs	169.40	
Licenses	2.00	
R. R. & Tel. & Tel. Refund	14.43	
Reimb. Work. comp.	68.70	
Bank Stock tax	426.25	
Misc.	12.80	
		$1,693.58

Expenditures

Stationery and Supplies	$ 174.46	
Printing	99.62	
Memberships	55.00	
Postage	103.58	
Abstract and deed registrations	171.40	
Equipment repair	10.00	
Recording vital statistics	49.00	
Bonding	162.85	
Work. Comp.	114.20	
Paying agent fees (coupon bonds)	21.05	
Audit	375.00	
Constable	6.50	
Revised statutes	26.00	
Aeriel photos	10.00	
Finding town reports to date	25.00	
Misc.	26.90	
Unexpended balance	263.02	
		$1,693.58

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE

Receipts

Appropriation	$2,000.00	
Sale of mailing list	5.00	
Overdraft	171.38	
		$2,176.38

Expenditures

Clerical Assistance	$2,176.38	
		$2,176.38

TOWN REPORT

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 700.00	
		$ 700.00

Expenditures

Printing	675.00	
Photos and cuts	18.24	
Unexpended balance	6.76	
		$ 700.00

ELECTION EXPENSES

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 200.00	
Overdraft	39.39	
		$ 239.39

Expenditures

Town Meeting expenses	$ 85.74	
Special Election expenses	53.85	
Printing	99.80	
		$ 239.39

REVALUATION

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 500.00	
		$ 500.00

Expenditures

Printing	$ 24.50	
Envelopes	42.26	
Assessing new property	60.00	
Unexpended balance	373.24	
		$ 500.00

CRAFTSMAN INSURANCE

Receipts

1954 Balance	$ .80	
Received from employees	578.90	
		$579.70

Expenditures

Paid to Craftsman Ins. Co.	$ 559.90	
Due Craftsman Ins. Co.	19.80	
		$579.70

SOCIAL SECURITY

Receipts

Appropriation	$600.00	
Received from employees	538.81	
Reimb. from School Dept.	177.57	
		$1,316.38

Expenditures

Paid to Maine State Retirement	$1,111.42	
Unexpended balance	204.96	
		$1,316.38

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Year Ended December 31, 1955

CASH BALANCE—JANUARY 1, 1955			$ 12,564.98
ADD:			
Tax Collections:			
Current Year	$131,379.56		
Prior Years	3,642.01		
Total Tax Collections		$135,021.57	
Excise Taxes:			
1955 Receipts	$ 13,664.76		
1956 Receipts	2,006.28		
Total Excise Taxes		15,671.04	
Tax Deeds	$ 92.44		
Tax Liens	2,957.49		
Notes Payable	50,000.00		
Accounts Receivable	433.48		
Employees' Insurance	578.90		
Withholding Taxes	7,364.00		
Social Security	716.38		
Departmental	86,088.08	148,230.77	298,923.38
TOTAL AVAILABLE			$311,488.36
DEDUCT:			
Accounts Payable		$ 832.08	
Notes Payable		46,350.00	
Employees' Insurance		559.10	
Withholding Taxes		7,364.00	
Social Security		1,111.42	
Departmental		224,248.15	280,464.75
CASH BALANCE—DECEMBER 31, 1955			$ 31,023.61

1955 Valuation, Assessment and Collection

Year Ended December 31, 1955

	Real Estate	Personal Property	Total
VALUATION:			
Resident	$1,920,990.00	$181,750.00	$2,102,740.00
Non-Resident	530,890.00	31,310.00	562,200.00
Total Valuation	$2,451,880.00	$213,060.00	$2,664,940.00

ASSESSMENT:			
Valuation x Rate			
2,664,940.00 x .051	$135,911.94		
710 Polls at $3.00	2,130.00	$138,041.94	
Supplemental Taxes		198.42	
Total Assessment charged to Collector			$ 138,240.36
COLLECTION AND CREDITS:			
Cash Collections		$131,372.87	
Abatements		61.23	131,434.10
1955 Taxes Receivable—December 31, 1955			$ 6,806.26

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

TAX COMMITMENT AS ABOVE		$ 138,041.94
ADD:		
Excise Taxes Applied		12,000.00
		$ 150,041.94
Appropriated from Surplus		3,088.94
		$ 153,130.88
REQUIREMENTS:		
Appropriations (Schedule BI)	$147,833.78	
County Ttax (Sch. BI)	2,880.00	150,713.78
OVERLAY		$ 2,417.10

Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1955

Name	Total	Real	Personal	Poll
Allen, Arthur	89.76	89.25	.51	
Bernier, Chas. O. & Mildred	135.66	130.05	5.61	
Boilard, Alfred	3.00			3.00
Boston, Abbie	5.10		5.10	
Boston, Mildred	7.65	7.65		
Brown, Fred Heirs	25.50	25.50		
Brown, Richard	5.61		5.61	
Carr, Franklin	8.61		5.61	3.00
Carr, George	8.61		5.61	3.00
Chase, David B.	8.61		5.61	3.00
Chase, Robert W.	77.52	46.92	30.60	
Cheney, Richard	6.63	6.63		
Clough, Charles W.	3.00			3.00
Cossette, David	53.55	48.45	5.10	
Curtis, Donald & Leontine	119.11	113.22	2.89	3.00
Dame, Stanley	8.61		5.61	3.00
Davis, Joe, Jr.	3.00			3.00
Doane, Homer	51.00	45.39	5.61	
Doherty, Michael	128.01	122.40	5.61	
Dube, Robert	8.10		5.10	3.00
Eaton, Carroll	8.61		5.61	3.00
Fitzgerald, Clara & Henry	29.07	29.07		
Flynn's News	25.50		25.50	
Freeman, Wesley	8.61		5.61	3.00
Gagne, Wilfred	5.61		5.61	
Gaudette, William	55.50	55.50		
Gaudreault, Richard P.	8.61		5.61	3.00
Gonye, Richard	81.09	75.48	5.61	
Goodwin, Lydia J.	6.63	6.63		
Grant, Donald	8.61		5.61	3.00
Henderson, Hugh	44.88	39.27	5.61	
Hilliard, Louise	5.61		5.61	
Hilton, Austin	8.10		5.10	3.00
Hilton, Harry A.	8.10		5.10	3.00
Holmes, Zennie	9.12		6.12	3.00
Hussey, Charles	166.26	155.04	11.22	
Jarvis, Albertine	15.30		15.30	
Jarvis, Rosanna	.51		.51	
Jenkins, Heirs*	57.63	57.63		
Jenkins, Forrest*	8.10		5.10	3.00
Johnson, Ethel	5.10		5.10	

Joy, Chester Heirs	71.91	71.91		
Kimball, Frank & Lucienne	21.93	16.32	5.61	
Knight, Donald	3.00			3.00
Knight, Francis	66.81	66.81		
Knight, Hollis*	59.16	59.16		
Knight, Keith	124.95	115.26		
Kun, Eugene & Marion	3.51		.51	3.00
LaBranche, Mrs. Valles	5.61		5.61	
Leveille, Joseph	3.51		.51	3.00
Littlefield, Ray & Minnie	25.50	25.50		
Locke, Arthur	5.61		5.61	
Lord, Robert	123.42	117.81	5.61	
McCarn, Margaret	123.42	107.61	15.81	
McCarthy, Harold	8.61		5.61	3.00
McIntire, Clifton	3.00			3.00
Maniscalco, William J.*	8.10		5.10	3.00
Merchant, Mrs. Russell	25.50	25.50		
Mercer, George*	3.51		.51	3.00
Michaud, Albert	37.23	37.23		
Morgridge, Louise	43.86	43.86		
Morse, Bessie	31.21	31.21		
Neville, George Jr. & Eleanor	111.18	106.08	5.10	
Noyes, Edward*	8.61		5.61	3.00
O'Neil, Grace	60.18	60.18		
Pitman, Leslie & Violet	51.96	43.35	5.61	3.00
Plaisted, Rodney	8.10		5.10	3.00
Proof, Howard & Barbara	223.83	215.22	5.61	3.00
Rainville, Paul	8.61		5.61	3.00
Richardson, Maurice	5.61		5.61	
Robinson, Roland & Dorothy*	28.75	28.75		
Sargent, Norbert*	8.61		5.61	3.00
Sargeant, Velma & Shirley	39.78	39.27	.51	
Schoof, Clinton	63.18	50.49	9.69	3.00
Searles, Jack	3.00			3.00
Searles, Philip	8.61		5.61	3.00
Sewell, George	8.61		5.61	3.00
Sinclair, Robert	8.10	4.59	.51	3.00
Snow, Roger	39.27	33.66	5.61	
Saucier, Lewis	3.51		.51	3.00
Stewart, George & Mary	5.61		5.61	
Stover, Leroy L.	8.10		5.10	3.00
Totten, Hartley	3.00			3.00
Tremblay, Raymond & Katherine	135.60	127.50	5.10	3.00

Tuttle, Arthur R.	5.10		5.10	
Tuttle, George E.	429.42	356.49	72.93	
Verrill, Merle	8.10		5.10	3.00
Walker, Samuel*	8.61		5.61	3.00
Whitten, Mrs. Helen	5.61		5.61	
Wilkinson, George	3.06	3.06		
Willard, Nellie	46.21	46.21		
Williams, James & Martha	25.50	24.99	.51	
Williams, Leons C.	3.00			3.00
Williams, Howard	28.05	28.05		
Williams, Clyde E.*	3.00			3.00
Williams, Wallace	3.00			3.00
Wyman, Grace	15.69	15.69		
Bennett, Charles F.	64.77	64.77		
Bradley, Anita	5.10	5.10		
Cochrane, Donald & Everett	20.91	20.91		
Cochrane, Donald	70.38	70.38		
Davidson, Thomas B.*	38.25	38.25		
Dutch, Chester Heirs	2.55	2.55		
Elsemore, Rodney & Florence	84.15	84.15		
Emack, Wm. & Gladys	18.87	18.87		
Ephross, Jack*	30.60		30.60	
Gauthier, Joseph	6.12	6.12		
Grant, Arthur	12.75	12.75		
Grass, Arnold	2.55	2.55		
Griffin, James & Julia	63.75	63.75		
Hasty, Richard	10.20	10.20		
Hodgdon, Charles Heirs	36.21	36.21		
Joy, Guy P.	2.55	2.55		
Kingsbury, Lamont & Avis	25.68	25.68		
Lord, Woodbury, Heirs	21.42	21.42		
McClure, Mrs. John	74.46	74.46		
Mitchell, Mrs. Lewis	53.04	53.04		
Spaulding & Sons, Inc.	2550.00	2550.00		
Wells, Flavius	19.38	19.38		
Williams, George A.	43.86	43.86		
TOTALS	$6806.26	6182.79	491.47	132.00

*Paid since Jan. 1, 1956

Prior Years' Taxes Receivable—December 31, 1955

Name	Total	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	Prior
Blaisdell, Earl	$ 24.08					24.08	
Boyd, Harry	10.47		3.00	1.47		3.00	3.00
Clough, Charles	3.75					3.36	.39
Eastman, Donald	3.00				3.00		
Flynn's News	38.25	38.25					
Fecteau, Albert	3.36				3.36		
Fontaine, Robert	8.28		8.28				
Follette, George	3.00			3.00			
Freeman, Wesley	5.61	5.61					
Gagne, Wilfred J.	5.10	5.10					
Giles, Leroy	3.00		3.00				
Gaudreault, Charles	19.09						19.09
Hasty, Clifford	18.00			3.00			15.00
Hilliard, Louise	5.61	5.61					
Knight, Francis	5.61	5.61					
Labranche, Mrs. Valles	5.61	5.61					
Lambert, William	5.78						5.78
Leclerc, Roger	3.36				3.36		
Letellier, Roland	3.36			3.36			
Maddox I. G. A.	72.00			72.00			
Meehan, Harry	10.35	3.51	3.48	3.36			
Michaud, Patrick	5.28		5.28				

Name	Total	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	Prior
Merrill, Stanley	3.00						3.00
O'Neil, Howard	3.48	3.00	.48				3.00
Ouellette, Eugene	8.61	8.61					
Quill, Timothy	6.00	3.00		3.00			
Rix, Linwood	3.00	3.00					
Schoof, Clinton	44.78	5.10	39.68				
Searles, Jack	8.61	8.61					
Searles, Philip	.51	.51					
Sinclair, Robert	.51	.51					
Thurston, Ralph	8.61	8.61					
Tibbetts, Parker	6.96			6.96			
Tremblay, Raymond & Katherine	5.10	5.10					
Williams, Howard	47.20	3.00	3.00		3.00	3.00	35.20
TOTALS	$408.32	118.35	63.20	99.15	12.72	33.44	81.46

TAX LIENS

December 31, 1955

Name	Total	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1940
Allen, Arthur	$ 117.50					49.12	68.38	
Bennett, Charles	42.32	42.32						
Bosse, Edgar	10.00	10.44						
Boston, Mildred	7.65	7.65						
Boyd, Harry	5.13	1.53	1.44		1.08	1.08		
Cochrane, Donald	70.38	70.38						
Cochrane, George	61.60						61.60	
Cossette, David	42.84	42.84						
Davis, Cecil T.	4.70							4.70
Dutch, Chester Heirs	4.95	2.55	2.40					
Elsemore, Laura	34.15	34.15						
Emack, William & Gladys	18.87	18.87						
Gauthier, Joseph	6.12	6.12						
Gonye, Richard	75.48	75.48						
Goodwin, Lydia	26.91	6.63	6.24	4.68	4.68	4.68		
Grass, Arnold	6.75	2.55	2.40	1.80				
Hasty, Richard	10.20	10.20						
Hilton, Clarence & Harry	13.17							13.17
Hilton, Harry P.	6.49							6.49

Name	Total	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1940
Hodgdon, Charles Heirs	16.21	16.21						
Hussey, Virgil & Eugene Foss	11.55						11.55	
Houston, Alice	5.78						5.78	
Leavitt, Winslow	5.50							5.50
Lord, Woodbury Heirs	21.42	21.42						
Marcotte, Joseph	6.49							6.49
Michaud, Albert	110.79	37.23		20.28	26.28	27.00		
Mick, Leora	75.96				75.96			
Mitchell, Mrs. Lewis	140.40	53.04	49.92	37.44				
Moulton, George A.	7.70						7.70	
Proof, Howard & Barbara	140.22	140.22						
Russell, Earl	7.20					7.20		
Sinclair, Robert	4.59	4.59						
Spaulding & Sons, Inc.	1452.19	1452.19						
Stevens, Charles	9.84							9.84
Thompson, James Heirs	4.17							4.17
Williams, George	85.14	43.86	41.28					
Williams, J. G.	17.64					17.64		
Williams, Howard & Ethel	124.46	28.05	26.40	19.80	11.16	19.80	19.25	
Young, Clarabel	27.36						13.86	13.50
TOTAL	$ 2839.82	2128.08	130.08	84.00	119.16	126.52	188.12	63.86

TAX DEEDS

December 31, 1955

Name	Total	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1939	1938	Prior
Bennett, Christopher	$48.71							24.51	24.20			
Cossette, David & Irma	46.79	24.33	22.46									
Davis, Cecil T.	40.11							7.85	7.80	8.09	8.12	8.25
Davis, Frederick	205.63							71.11	70.40			64.12
Davis, Lida L.	325.99							163.67	162.32			
Dorr, William J.	15.64										5.54	10.10
Harvey, Charles N.	32.10	8.09	7.91	7.82	8.28							
Hilton, Clarence & Harry	48.46							16.26	16.10		16.10	
Hilton, Harry	18.62									9.29	9.33	
Hussey, Virgil & Eugene Foss	32.85	11.55	10.80	10.50								
Huston, Alice	10.47	10.47										
Lamprey & Bernstein	57.07										10.90	46.17
Leavitt, Winslow H.	7.75										7.75	
MacDonald, T. E.	41.61									7.43	7.43	26.75
Marcotte, Joseph	28.46							9.63	9.55	9.28		
Marshall, Lilla Belle	40.53			40.53								
Michaud, Albert	47.52	24.69	22.83									
Mick, John & Leora	98.08	98.08										

Name	Total	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1939	1938	Prior
Moulton, George	125.37	7.70	7.20	7.00	7.80	11.43	11.23				10.90	62.11
Stevens, Charles	38.21							12.94	12.81		12.46	
Stevens, Lester	36.71											36.71
Thompson, James Hrs	56.88							7.34	7.26	7.10	7.11	28.07
Patterson, Charles	33.17										7.75	25.42
Young, Clarabel	204.78	13.86	12.96	12.60	14.04				16.43	15.85	15.95	103.09
TOTALS	1641.51	198.77	84.16	78.45	30.12	11.43	11.23	313.31	326.87	57.04	119.34	410.79

TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY—(Detail on file at Town Office)

Martha Burroughs	$ 1.44	Herbert Hill	371.94
Raymond Clark	70.89	Albert Norman	59.58
Simeon Dockham	10.80	Henry E. Warren	199.27
Lester Hinckley	7.16	Henry W. Weare	70.25
Carl R. P. Hilton	138.30		
J. Lester Manson	47.16		$976.79

Highways

You will note that we have $939.89 balance in our Town Highway Account, due to reimbursement for hurricane money spent in 1954, and received in 1955. This balance has been transferred into the unappropriated surplus account.

Under State Aid roads we have a balance of $332.94 which will be carried forward due to matching funds from the State.

A small overdraft will be noted under Winter Care. This was due to the cost of repairing and rebuilding the plows to fit the new trucks. Our plow equipment is in very good condition considering the age of it.

The Truck Fund shows a balance after paying the difference of over $600.00 in the purchase of the new trucks and $1000.00 on the note. Also a considerable sum was spent in changing the bodies and installing the power take-offs. The final payment of the old note will be paid this year. Our trucks should be made to pay for themselves plus any expenses necessary to trade in the future.

You will note that the Walter Trucks and Loader accounts still show an overdraft. This is due to extensive repairs on the loader and very little use of the Walter Trucks. However, I feel that these trucks are very good insurance.

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS

Receipts

Appropriation	$8,000.00
Reimb. from State (Hurricane damage)	608.20
Reimb. Federal disaster relief	1,372.19
Town Road Improvement reimbursement	3,302.56
Reimb. for building sidewalks	303.80
Reimb. for signs	19.20
Reimb. for gravel hauled	92.00
Reimb. for culverts	130.73

Reimb. for loam hauled	23.00	
Reimb. for labor	26.70	
Misc. receipts	30.00	
		$13,908.38

Expenditures

Labor	$ 5,385.75	
Town Truck Rental	2,748.14	
Town Loader Rental	1,114.50	
Private Equipment Rental	364.78	
Gravel	296.80	
Supplies	244.35	
Bushes	159.90	
Culverts	440.75	
Patch	623.30	
Catch Basin Rental	195.00	
Tree service	275.00	
Work. Comp.	136.60	
Calcium chloride	73.52	
Water for cemeteries	51.00	
Signs	28.39	
Tarring (Town road improvements)	672.00	
Engineer	27.90	
Lumber	109.06	
Electricity	20.00	
Misc.	1.75	
Unexpended balance	939.89	
		$13,908.38

WINTER CARE OF HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 4,000.00	
Town of Berwick	408.90	
State	2,866.50	
Misc.	20.40	
Overdraft	88.18	
		$7,383.98

Expenditures

Plowing:	
Labor	$ 672.95
Equipment rental	613.16
Sanding	
Labor	1,660.40
Equipment rental	1,926.64

Salt	820.62	
Sand	93.20	
Equipment repairs	1,094.75	
Care of horse	186.14	
Supplies	59.82	
Sander	250.00	
Electricity	4.40	
Misc.	1.90	
		$7,383.98

REBUILDING TOWN STREETS

Receipts

Appropriation	$2,000.00	
		$2,000.00

Expenditures

Labor	$ 717.05	
Town Truck Rental	371.25	
Town Loader Rental	200.50	
Private Equipment Rental	381.00	
Gravel	37.20	
Culverts	201.72	
Supplies	22.50	
Engineer	18.00	
Unexpended Balance	50.78	
		$2,000.00

BITUMINOUS SURFACING

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 3,000.00	
		$3,000.00

Expenditures

Labor	50.75	
Town Truck Rental	70.88	
Private Equipment rental	69.60	
Tar	2,804.12	
Unexpended balance	4.65	
		$3,000.00

STATE AID

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,728.00	
Old South Road Appropriation	1,500.00	
State Reimbursement	2,418.59	
		$5,646.59

Expenditures

Labor	$ 927.40	
Town Truck Rental	445.50	
Town Loader Rental	60.00	
Private equipment rental	2,555.75	
Gravel	245.00	
Tarring	1,080.00	
Unexpended Balance	332.94	
		$5,646.59

MAINTENANCE — STATE HIGHWAY

Receipts

Appropriation	240.00	
		$240.00

Expenditures

Treasurer, State of Maine	$161.60	
Unexpended balance	78.40	
		$240.00

TRUCK FUND

Receipts

1954 Balance	$ 325.46	
Received from truck rental	5,335.59	
From Sale of Town Farm (per Town Meeting vote)	4,500.00	
		$10,161.05

Expenditures

Gas and Oil	$1,728.26	
Repairs	626.28	
Tires	258.38	
Insurance	218.50	
Parts and Supplies	439.60	
Purchase of two new trucks	4,958.00	
Power take-off for new trucks	154.60	

Truck and Snow Plow Note	1,000.00	
Unexpended balance	777.43	
		$10,161.05

WALTER TRUCK FUND

Receipts

Truck Rental	$ 106.58	
Overdraft	1,256.87	
		$1,363.45

Expenditures

1954 Overdraft	$1,012.70	
Gas and Oil	135.75	
Repairs	57.90	
Insurance	144.00	
Parts and Supplies	13.10	
		$1,363.45

LOADER FUND

Receipts

Loader Rental	$1,564.75	
Overdraft	2,188.43	
		$3,753.18

Expenditures

1954 Overdraft	$1,988.63	
Gas	103.70	
Repairs	1,163.45	
Tires	395.74	
Insurance	82.91	
Parts and Supplies	18.75	
		$3,753.18

TREES

Receipts

Appropriation	$400.00

Expenditures

The Goodall Tree Expert Co.	400.00

DUMP

Receipts	
Appropriation	$ 500.00
Expenditures	
Labor	$ 157.85
Gas & Oil	59.58
Tractor parts	49.19
Bulldozing	224.00
Supplies	1.16
Unexpended balance	8.22
	$500.00

PROTECTION

Police Department

The Police Department consists of: Chief of Police Frank Coffin, Lt. B. L. Ives, and Officers George Mitchell, Lewis Joy, Lionel Turcotte, Raymond Morgridge, Leslie Milbury, Robert Dube, Archie Watts and Everett Tozier.

The Police Department equipment includes: 3 pairs of handcuffs, 2 revolvers 38, 10 sets of badges, 5 billies, 6 night clubs, 7 blinker lanterns, 1 blinker light, 1 auto siren, 1 finger print set, 1 raincoat and hat, and seven sets of plates for cars.

127 requests for governmental and other agencies were made and investigated.

151 complaints were received and 120 were acted upon.

Arrests for 1955 as follows:

Assault	1
Brawling	2
Intoxication	2
Larceny	(Pending) 1
Breaking and Entering	1
Driving without license	1
Possession of Liquor (Minors)	2
Driving under Influence	2
Driving to Endanger	2
Speeding	4
Stop signs	4

Unregistered car	1
Faulty car equipment	3
Parking tickets	13

Of the $1,700.00 appropriated at the annual Town Meeting $978.00 for patrolling streets, and traffic control, and $202.52 was spent on complaints.

In 1955 we outfitted three men with complete uniforms and topcoats at no cost to the Town. In the near future we intend to outfit two more men. The money for these was earned from the coke machine, dances and a donation from the Teen-Haven Club.

In 1955 we issued numerous warnings which we did not keep records of. We intend to issue warning cards this coming year so that if a person gets a warning and the same offense happens again, we will give him or her a summons.

This being my first year as Chief of Police I have tried to be fair and just to everyone. I wish to thank the members of the Police Dept., Town Officials, and Townspeople for their fine cooperation. Also would like to thank the Teen-Haven Club for their donation and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Coffin
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,700.00
Fines	6.50
Telephone reimbursement	10.00
	$1,716.50

Expenditures

Wages	$1,180.52
Telephone	121.10
Supplies	25.71
Insurance	12.00
Work. Comp.	19.20
Unexpended balance	357.97
	$1,716.50

Report of Fire Department

I herewith submit my report of the South Berwick Fire Department.

Your Fire Dept. answered	54	Alarms
	10	Still alarms
	2	Emergency alarms
	14	Out of town alarms

Fire losses were very low this year due to the cooperation of citizens when calling in fires, giving correct box numbers, stating kind of fire, whether house, grass, chimney, woods, etc., also by keeping premises free of rubbish and other fire hazards.

The Town of South Berwick owns at this time one chevrolet forestry unit. This truck was bought by the members of your fire department from their own funds during the 1947 forest fires, when the older truck was put out of commission. This chevrolet truck was bought second hand at the time and has paid for itself a hundred times over. It is now on its last legs. Therefore the members of your Fire Dept. have set aside a fund of $532.62 toward the purchase of another truck. Remember this truck we are after is for the protection of your property as well as ours. Any donations will be gratefully appreciated.

Due to the wonderful donation of $150.00 by the Teenagers we were able to add another Scott Air Pack to our equipment. The members of the department added the balance of $68.27 from their funds in order to purchase same.

The first fire alarm box in South Berwick was installed on the front of the fire station Oct. 10, 1955. This also was paid for from the members fund. With the cooperation of the public at our annual lawn party and beano parties we hope to add more boxes in the near future, thus giving the town added protection.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation for the fine cooperation and consideration of the members of the fire department Town Officials and citizens—also Jerry's Diner for the coffee served the firemen when out fighting fires.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT WATKINS
Chief Engineer

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Receipts

Appropriation	4,000.00
So. Berwick Water Co.	1.96
Albert Watkins (reimb.)	41.08
Telephone reimbursement	2.95
	$4,045.99

Expenditures

Water	40.20
Supplies	280.62
Electricity	264.68
Gas & Oil	129.35
Telephone	442.42
Fuel	480.55
Auto. parts & repairs	209.24
Payroll	2,000.00
New Oil burner	92.00
Welding water tank	20.00
Stack relay & installing	44.41
Misc.	34.69
Unexpended	7.83
	$4,045.99

BUFFALO FIRE TRUCK REPAIRS & OTHER EQUIPMENT

Receipts

Appropriation	$1,224.40

Expenditures

Truck Repairs	575.00
Firemen's boots	71.68
Fire Alarm equip.	319.13
Firemen's coats	156.99
Firemen's helmets	101.60
	$1,224.40

FIRE DEPARTMENT INSURANCE

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 750.00
Refund	12.63
	$ 762.63

Expenditures

Fire Station Insurance	$ 257.50
Work. Comp.	50.00
Accident Insurance	126.00
Fire Trucks	309.90
Unexpended balance	19.23
	$ 762.63

STREET LIGHTS

Receipts

Appropriation	3,284.88

Expenditures

Central Maine Power Co.	3,257.88
Unexpended balance	27.00
	$3,284.88

HYDRANT RENTAL

Receipts

Appropriation	$8,262.50

Expenditures

So. Berwick Water Corp.	$8,194.36
Unexpended Balance	68.14
	$8,262.50

CIVIL DEFENSE

Receipts

Appropriation	$ 250.00

Expenditures

Telephone	116.50
Civil Defense Photos	31.85
Unexpended balance	101.65
	$ 250.00

Civil Defense and Public Safety

In September 1955 reorganization of Civil Defense and Public Safety for South Berwick was started. This was necessary because State laws required Director Robert McIntire to relinquish his position so that he might serve in other important State capacities. Other staff members were unable to continue because of various committments and a new staff was established.

In November, ninety volunteers reported to the Civic Center and had their photographs taken for their identification cards.

Several meetings at York County Headquarters in Alfred have been attended by staff members in order to correlate local, county and state plans. These meetings are normally held on the first Monday of the month and are open to all members.

It is important to remember that the organization for Civil Defense and Public Safety is a Federal, state and local service for public protection and aid not only in case of enemy attack but even more importantly that it be able to operate in case of natural disaster such as fire, flood, storm or other misfortune. All officers and members serve on a voluntary, unpaid basis. If the organization is to function in case of a local disaster sufficient members must be available to carry out required assignments. There is a spot for everyone in the community, even a person who could act as a baby sitter, type or relay telephone calls would be an important member. One hundred more volunteers are needed and you are urged to contact a staff member and offer your services.

Appreciation and thanks is expressed for the cooperation of those who have so generously contributed their efforts.

The chart below shows the people in charge of the various posts in the organization.

Karl P. Ladd, Director

Civil Defense & Public Safety

DIRECTOR
K. P. Ladd

Staff Asst.
Florence M. Ladd

Asst. Director
G. M. Raitt

Coordinator Women's Activities
Arline K. Tondreault

Deputy Dir. No. 1 K. R. Stowe	**Deputy Dir. No. 2** J. J. Jacyna	**Deputy Dir. No. 3** J. J. Murphy, M. D.	**Deputy Dir. No. 4** J. J. Blackmore	**Deputy Dir No. 5** R. W. Gullifer
Transportation Div.	Fire Div.	Medical Care Div.	Evacuation Div.	Personnel Div.
Communication Div.	Police Div.	Public Health Div.	Mass care Div.	Public Info Div.
Eng. & Public Works Div.	Plant Prot.	Burial & Graves reg. Div.	Temporary rehabilitation Div.	Procurement & Supply Div.
Rescue Div.	Warden Div.	Special Weapons Div.	Am. Red Cross (Liaison)	
			State Bureau of Social Welfare (Liaison)	
			Salvation Army (Liaison)	

Charities

TOWN POOR

Due to a case which was in the hospital I anticipated an increase in this account. However, the increase in appropriation did not take care of the difference in expenses. I anticipated the bill to be around $1,000.00 and you will note that it was $1,383.15.

We have at present seven old age assistance recipients who are supplemented by Town funds for board and care. It was necessary to have guardians appointed for two of these cases and attorney service to collect a past due bill from another Town. Thus the attorney fee of $162.45.

The account with other Towns has been settled, even though it meant the service of an attorney.

TOWN POOR

Receipts

Appropriation	$4,000.00	
Reimb.	561.04	
Overdraft	434.48	
		$4,995.52

Expenditures

Groceries	$ 711.97	
Board and Care	1,782.73	
Physician & dentist	460.00	
Hospital	1,383.15	
Fuel	211.58	
Drugs	65.28	
Rent	56.00	
Ambulance	30.00	
Burials	85.00	
Electricity	21.01	
Milk	5.46	
Attorney's fees	162.45	
Misc.	20.89	
		$4,995.52

OTHER TOWN POOR

Receipts

Richmond	$ 347.50	
Eagle Lake	840.02	
Transferred from Town Poor	119.87	
		1,307.39

Expenditures

Due from other Towns Jan. 1, 1955	477.37	
Groceries	326.00	
Rent	358.00	
Fuel	57.84	
Clothing	8.73	
Drugs	4.50	
Electricity	28.05	
Physician & Hospital	46.90	
		$1,307.39

STATE POOR

Receipts

Received from State	$ 944.36	
Due from State	96.37	
		$1,040.73

Expenditures

Due from State Jan. 1, 1955	$ 75.98	
Groceries	288.91	
Board and Care	150.00	
Drugs	133.38	
Clothing	40.82	
Physician	217.20	
X-ray and Hospital	134.44	
		$1,040.73

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Receipts

Appropriation	$800.00	
		$800.00

Expenditures

State Treasurer, A. D. C.	$ 366.12	
Unexpended balance	433.88	
		$800.00

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of South Berwick:

In compliance with Paragraph 3, Section 87 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes of 1954 as amended 1955, I herewith submit the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools.

It is with pleasure that I report on the condition of your schools in a system which shows every evidence of having had good administration and loyal support from the citizens of the community.

The 1955-56 school year officially began September 5, 1955, Labor Day, and the doors were opened for the fall term on the following day. The teaching staff totals seventeen this year compared with sixteen last year. The increase was due to the large second grade which had to have two teachers, whereas there was a combination second and third grade last year.

New teachers in the Central School this year are as follows:

Elinor W. Bickford of Auburn, Maine
Norma L. Bridges of Freedom, Maine
Ardis M. Emery of So. Berwick, Maine
Blair R. Higgins of Portland, Maine
George E. Wing of Berwick, Maine

Due to reasons beyond control, Mr. Wing found it necessary to resign about the middle of the school year, and we were fortunate to secure the services of Mrs. Jacqueline Heffren to fill this position. Complete data on the teachers are as follows:

TEACHER STATISTICS

SCHOOL YEAR 1955 - 1956

Name	Grade	Years Training	Years Experience	Salary
Hanson, Ethel M	SP	2	16	$2700
Lambert, Patricia R.	1	4	5	$2900
Chesley, Helen B.	1	3	34	$2800
Beale, Belva M.	2	2	23	$2700
McLean, Aleida C.	2	4	5	$2900

Bickford, Elinor W.	3	4	0	$2600
Emery, Ardis M.	3 & 4	4	0	$2600
Allen, Alice B.	4	2	30	$2800
Bridges, Norma L.	5	4	0	$2800
Chapman, Beulah K.	6	2	13	$2700
Nye, Francis M.	6	4	23	$3200
Heffren, Jacqueline	7	3	6	$2800
Higgins, Blair R.	8	4	0	$2700
Sturdivant, Rachel A.	8	2	13	$2800
Mulkern, Joseph M.	Prin.	4	2	$3400
Ploof, Eugene H.	Instr-Music	4	5	$ 800
Brown, Ruth N.	Music	2	21	$ 900

Pupil Progress

The pupils at the Central School seem to be making good progress scholastically. This achievement is due largely to the services of good teachers. The Central School is fortunate in being well staffed with a very adequate and well-trained group of teachers.

Textbooks

On the whole the school is well supplied with textbooks, and the general condition is good. Among the new books added last September were a new series of spelling books, new social studies, and new arithmetic books. It is possible that the cost of textbooks may be reduced some during the current fiscal year without reducing efficiency.

Building Improvements

During the summer vacation an extensive repair and remodeling program was carried out according to previous plans. The two additional classrooms, extended lunch room accommodations, and improved toilet facilities have greatly added to the efficiency of the school program. Just how long the present number of rooms will accommodate the school population will depend upon how fast a building program develops in South Berwick.

Budget

The school budget reflects the generally increased costs with which every one is familiar. School expenses go up just the same as a person's individual expenses increase. It is due to the general economic situation. The largest single item which has increased considerably over last year

is the high school tuition. This is an item which can not be helped. We are glad that our young people go on to higher education.

The remainder of the budget increases are due to the cost of an additional teacher, plus the increases in salaries which go with the present conditions. The state minimum salary law sets a minimum wage which also has to be met. There is also a decrease in the estimated subsidy. A part of this decrease is from tuition pupils of the Dawson Street area formerly of Berwick.

A change in the bookkeeping will provide for the payment of secretaries directly by the several towns which will reduce the carrying charges of South Berwick, but will also reduce the apparent resources. Every effort will be made to operate the schools as economically and efficiently as possible. The complete budget for school purposes is as follows:

SOUTH BERWICK SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

BUDGET FOR 1956

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNTS

Instruction		$46,500.00
Fuel		3,500.00
Janitor		5,000.00
Conveyance		8,150.00
Tuition		55,330.00
Textbooks		1,500.00
Supplies		4,000.00
Utilities		1,500.00
Equipment		150.00
School Nurse—Med. Insp.		550.00
Superintendence		1,145.00
School Committee, Etc.		75.00
Insurance		1,400.00
TOTAL BUDGET		128,800.00
Less Estimated Resources:		
State School Fund	$28,100.00	
Federal Subsidy, P. L. 874	6,000.00	
Misc. Receipts	1,576.55	
	$35,676.55	

Less Overdraft, '55	1,526.55		
		34,150.00	
Necessary Appropriation			$94,650.00

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

	Budget
Estimated: Repairs, Social Security, etc.	$1,735.26
Less Balance, 1955	735.26
Necessary Appropriation	1,000.00

SCHOOL LUNCH

Appropriation (To supplement program)	$1,000.00

ARTICLES FOR THE WARRANT

The number of articles for the warrant pertaining to schools have been reduced in number, and they comply with the bookkeeping recommended by the State Department of Education. The article requesting the transfer of the balance in the School Building account to the School Repairs account may need explaining. The balance at the time the books closed was $4,630.70, but since then the contractor and the architect have been paid in full leaving a balance of approximately $1,100.00.

Several items have been included under the Maintenance account which are now subsidized by the state.

The financial statement shows total resources and expenditures, but the itemization has been left out which will make a saving on the cost of printing. Details of all expenditures are available in either the two town offices, and we shall be pleased to explain to any individual who wishes to inquire regarding any particular item.

At the close of this report there is a report from the principal of Central School, the school nurse, the managers of the school lunch program, and a financial statement.

In closing this report, I wish to express my thanks to the school board, town officials, teachers, and citizens who have helped in making the work pleasant as well as successful.

Respectfully submitted,

HUBERT E. REDDING

Superintendent of Schools

Report of the Principal of Central School

TO HUBERT E. REDDING: SUPT. OF SCHOOLS:

As principal of Central School I am happy to make my first annual report. Since the previous report was given much has happened which has made Central School a more valuable asset to the town of South Berwick. The two new classrooms which were completed prior to school opening are very modern and well equipped. We were fortunate in having the space available in order that we could make these extra classrooms. Along with the new classrooms we were able to put in two new rooms for toilets. This eliminates the necessity of all groups going downstairs and crowding these facilities. Our lunchroom was enlarged thus enabling us to seat more of our students comfortably. We feed over 200 children daily. The meals are highly nutritious and meet the standards set by the state schools lunch supervisor.

Once again we are able to offer to the parents of our children an accident insurance policy whereby the children of our school are covered on the way to and from school—while in school and while attending any of the school sponsored functions. It is a great relief to a family when some unforeseen accident occurs and the insurance is there to cover the bill. The price this year for a policy is $1.50.

We are continuing our policy of following our intramural program. At present we have over 90 boys and girls playing basketball. We would have more participation if our children who live in the outlying sections had some form of transportation home after their games. This is a big factor in our intramural program. In the Spring we will once again start our softball program. Last Fall we tried volleyball with the girls and it was enjoyed so much that we will try it on a full scale next Fall. Grades 5 - 8 participate in our intramural program.

Our graduating class purchased a beautiful bulletin board for the school. This rich tradition of the graduating class leaving something behind as a memento to their school days is one of the many fine ideals which makes Central what it is.

Our library is fast expanding. We now have over 1100 books. The best in reading is made available to our children of all age levels. These books may be borrowed for home reading.

We are working on annual awards to be given to members of the graduating class. To date the V. F. W. Post of South Berwick has approved of a Science award to be given to the outstanding student in Science. The Women's Club of South Berwick has voted to give awards to the first three places of our annual prize speaking contest.

You the people of South Berwick have a school of which you should be proud. Many of you have not seen the recent improvements. We never hesitate to show newcomers to our town our school. We would enjoy the opportunity to show you your school. Visit us—visit our social functions —our sporting events, you will be glad that you did.

I should like to thank the faculty, our school nurse, our music supervisors, our very fine cooks and janitors, and all those many friends of Central School for making this one of our best school years.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH M. MULKERN

Principal, Central School

Report of the School Nurse

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Superintending School Committee:

It is with pleasure that I submit my fifth annual report.

The usual health services have been provided for the students of Central School. These include the checking of eyes, ears, teeth, throat, skin, hair, height and weight.

Last Spring 153 children received immunization protecting them from diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus and fifty three received smallpox vaccinations. These immunizations have resulted in the virtual disappearance of these diseases in the school population.

This year has seen the beginning of the Salk Poliomyelitis Vaccination program. Two injections of the vaccine have already been given to sixty eight students, and 435 students and pre-school five-year-olds are signed up to receive the Salk Poliomyelitis Vaccine as soon as it is available to us.

The success of our health program is due to the continued cooperation of parents, citizens and members of the many charitable organizations in our community. To each who has contributed his part and to our health officer, John J. Murphy, M. D., I wish to extend my personal thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION D. CHAPLIN, R. N.

School Nurse

Report of School Lunch Program

To the Superintendent Hubert Redding and the Superintending School Committee of South Berwick:

We submit the following as our annual report of the School Lunch Program.

The lunches started as usual in September with an average of 250 children. The pupils were charged fifteen cents daily until January 1, when they were increased to twenty cents per meal for a Type A lunch which meets the requirements of the State Department. Milk is three cents

for a half pint bottle for those who wish it with a cold lunch or for recess.

The lunch room was rather small for the number of children participating and so the room was made larger by taking down a wall into the adjoining room this last summer. It is much more convenient for all. A new dish washer and sterilizer was also added for new equipment.

The commodities the government has sent up this year has been butter, shortening, rice, lima beans, green beans, dry red beans, canned pork and gravy, peas, tomatoes and dry milk.

We wish to thank all the people who have helped to make our program a success.

Respectfully submitted,

BEATRICE LANE
BEATRICE WARREN
Co-Managers, School Lunch Program

South Berwick School Department

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Available

Balance 1954	$ 1,206.14
Appropriation, Common School	39,800.00
Appropriation, High School Tuition	31,700.00
H. I. Libby, For Textbooks & Supplies	15.58
H. E. Redding, For Textbooks & Supplies	4.30
Roy Morgridge, C. S. Tuition	75.00
F. Roger Miller, Rent of Land	20.00
Town of Berwick, Union Supplies	172.93
Town of Eliot, Union Supplies	172.93
Town of Lebanon, Union Supplies	172.93
Town of Berwick, Clerk's Salary	373.75
Town of Eliot, Clerk's Salary	373.75
Town of Lebanon, Clerk's Salary	373.75
Town of Lebanon, Refund for Trans. Charges	1.73
Town of So. Berwick, Rent of Offices	600.00
Gymnasium Rentals	235.00

Treas. of U. S., P. L. 874	7,740.13	
Treas. of State, School Subsidy	28,619.22	
Total Available		111,657.14
Expended		
Teachers' Salaries	44,102.70	
Fuel	2,258.77	
Janitor	4,984.68	
Conveyance	8,138.26	
Textbooks	2,078.85	
Supplies	5,430.43	
High School Tuition	46,190.00	
Total Expended		113,183.69
Overdraft		$ 1,526.55

REPAIRS/INSURANCE/EQUIPMENT

Available		
Balance 1954	$ 355.84	
Appropriation	3,600.00	
H. I. Libby Refund	.70	
H. E. Redding, Refunds	8.70	
E. F. Tozier, For Material	22.35	
Total Available		3,987.59
Expended		
Repairs	1,196.76	
Insurance	1,499.87	
Equipment	565.60	
Total Expended		3,262.23
Balance		725.36

SUPERVISION

Available		
Balance 1954	75.10	
Appropriation	1,100.00	
Total Available		1,175.10
Total Expended		1,114.76
Balance		60.34

SCHOOL NURSE

Available

Balance 1954	13.82	
Appropriation	500.00	
Total Available		513.82
Total Expended		555.19
Overdraft		41.37

INCIDENTALS

Available

Balance 1954	$ 27.92	
Appropriation	200.00	
Total Available		227.92
Total Expended		133.18
Balance		94.74

SCHOOL LUNCH

Balance 1954	218.59	
Appropriation	1,000.00	
Cash from Pupils Lunches	6,125.86	
State Subsidy	2,090.97	
Total Available		9,435.42
Total Expended		10,089.72
Overdraft		654.30

SCHOOL BUILDING ACCOUNT

Available

Federal Reimbursement, P. L. 815	20,000.00

Expended

Leo G. Vachon	15,369.30
Balance	4,630.70

SPECIAL LIGHTING ACCOUNT

Balance 1954	258.45

Expended

Central Maine Power Co.	90.75
Balance	167.70

Debt and Interest

INTEREST

Receipts

Appropriation	$3,500.00	
Interest on 1954 tax liens	59.38	
Interest on 1953 tax liens	85.21	
Interest on prior years tax liens	13.75	
Interest on 1955 taxes	234.00	
Interest on 1954 taxes	138.68	
Interest on prior years taxes	6.76	
		$4,037.78

Expenditures

Bridge Note	$ 110.00	
Truck & Snow Plow Note	50.00	
Fire Station Loan	75.00	
Civic Center Loan	2,507.50	
Temporary Loans	608.97	
Unexpended Balance	686.31	
		$4,037.78

BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE

Receipts

Appropriation	$8,279.00	
Public Law 815 Reimb.	6,721.00	
		$15,000.00

Expenditures

Bridge Repair Loan	$1,000.00	
Fire Station Loan	1,000.00	
School Bonds	13,000.00	
		$15,000.00

Unclassified

BONDS PAYABLE — WALTER TRUCKS

Receipts

Jan. 1 balance due bond holders	$350.00

Expenditures

Paid bond holders	$350.00	

MEMORIAL DAY

Receipts

Appropriation	$275.00	

Expenditures

American Legion	$275.00	

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Receipts

Appropriation	$350.00	
Stipend fund	35.00	
		$385.00

Expenditures

Trustees, Fogg Memorial Library	$385.00	
		$385.00

COUNTY TAX

Receipts

Appropriation	$2,880.00

Expenditures

County Treasurer	$2,880.00

OVERLAY

Receipts

Per Committment	$2,417.10

Expenditures

Unexpended Balance	$2,417.10

Berwick Annex

On August 20, 1955 the following part of the Town of Berwick became a part of the Town of South Berwick per Chapter 112 of the 1955 Laws of Maine.

Beginning at a point where Route 103 crosses the Boston and Maine Railroad: thence running in an easterly direction along the southerly line of the railroad tracks 2908 feet; thence running southerly 1817 feet to State Highway No. 4; thence running westerly 1752 feet to an iron

stake; thence running northerly 2285 feet to the point of beginning.

At a meeting of the Town officials of both Towns and Barnett Shur, as attorney for the Town of South Berwick it was agreed that the taxes on this property be pro-rated from April 1, which is the date taxes are assessed.

The financial statement of this account is listed below. However, snow removal, sanding and highway repairs were carried in their respective accounts.

BERWICK ANNEX

Receipts	
Pro-rated share of taxes from Berwick	$1,330.84
Expenditures	
Hydrant rental	78.52
Street Lights	24.00
Attorney fees	350.00
Unexpended balance	878.32
	$1,330.84

Salaries Paid by the Town 1955

Bennett, Christopher	$683.00
Benoit, Wayne	16.50
Brault, Alfred	38.00
Brown, Ronald	3.00
Carr, Roland	128.50
Cleary, John	16.00
Coffin, Frank	407.75
Chaplin, Richard	122.00
Demers, Alfred	9.50
Demers, Roland	70.00
Donahue, Marie	8.00
Demers, Wilfred	305.00
Estabrooke, Ruth	1,685.50
Flynn, Mildred	20.00
Goodwin, Franklin	2,195.50
Gullifer, Ronald W.	4,000.00
Goodwin, Everett	103.00
Horr, Arlo	3,083.45
Hilton, Robert	3.00
Holton, Mary	16.00
Hussey, Edgar	4.00
Hussey, Paul	115.50
Horr, Cecil	10.00
Irving, Harold	862.50
Joy, Lewis A.	212.50
Keniston, William	75.50
Lambert, Robert	3.00
Leveille, Joseph	14.00
Lynch, Richard	44.50
MacIntyre, Maude	522.88
Monroe, Leon Jr.	1,800.00
Maddox, Helen	8.00
Michaud, Maurice	59.50
Mick, Samuel	97.00
Mitchell, George	249.75
Marcoux, Roland	40.00
Mayo, Charlotte	8.00
O'Neil, Myron	80.00
Pinkham, Morris	100.00
Parent, Roland	15.00
Perkins, F. Verrill	20.00
Rousseau, David	53.50
Rousseau, Daniel	15.00
Roberts, Arthur	4.00
Robertshaw, William L.	3.50
Shorey, Evelyn	16.00
Steadman, Margaret	10.00
Spillane, Kathleen	150.00
Thompson, Ralph	92.50
Tondreault, Arline	16.00
Turcotte, Lionel	160.00
Watkins, Albert	500.00
Williams, Leon	24.00
Williams, Wallace	94.50
Tozier, Everett	10.00

Payments Made by Town 1955

Abbott Tree Service	120.00
Dr. Robert P. Alie	14.50
Ralph H. Allen	7.19
American Fire Equipment Co.	255.10
Arundel Print Shop	20.53
Frank E. Ashline	4.60
A & P Tea Co.	90.00
A & J Auto Ignition Co.	28.08
Bancroft & Martin Rolling Mills Co.	220.59
Benoit's Garage	1,224.17
Town of Berwick	27.00
Clifford Blaisdell	86.00
Wesley Blanchard	68.25
P. R. Boston	4,922.87
Brodhead Ford Sales	11.50
Brooks Motor Sales, Inc.	5,117.55
Buds Furnace & Oil Burner Service	136.41
Bert L. Campbell	27.90
John P. Cassily Co.	198.68
Central Maine Power Co.	3,599.01
Central Market	185.98
The Chemical Corp.	820.62
Frank Coffin	131.00
V. H. Cogswell, Inc.	52.40
Irving Cole	2.00
The College Bindery	25.00
Congdon Transportation Co.	9.90
Corner Variety Store	140.00
Craftsman Insurance Co.	553.55
Robert W. Creteau, York County Treas.	2,880.00
Richard M. Davis	539.50
Demers Brothers	12.00
Richard Demers	6.00
Diamond Match Co.	22.50
Dover Drug, Inc.	55.86
Laurence Dowe	60.00
Dube's Garage	16.80
Dudley's Jenney Service	239.93
Dustin's Market	10.47
Chester G. Earl	238.94
David G. Eastman, M. D.	24.20
Emerson's Drug Store	29.32
Files Equipment Co.	24.00
Files & O'Keefe Co.	292.14
Flynn's Market	503.82
Fogg Memorial Library, Trustees	385.00
Frisbee Memorial Hospital	105.25
Gagnon, G. & Son	49.14
P. Gagnon & Son	194.70
Peter Gaudreault	9.50
Maurice Gendreau	31.85
Herbert Gerrish	68.25
Leslie L. Goddard	250.00
Goodall Tree Expert Co., Inc.	400.00
Edwin S. Goodwin	68.77
Russell Goodwin	820.00
C. H. Goodrich	110.00
Gorham Fire Equipment Co.	180.87
Mrs. Elizabeth Gosselin	249.80
Ronald W. Gullifer	500.00
Dr. Hawkes' Pharmacy	57.48
Frank Hawkins	39.00
Hedge & Mattheis Co.	267.53
Herald Photo & Engraving, Inc.	18.24
Warren H. Hilton	171.60
Alvin A. Hoffman, M. D.	35.00
Hoitt & Wentworth	10.62
Margaret Holmes	150.00
Kenneth Horne	105.20

Virgil L. Horr	247.35
Charles Hussey	71.60
Paul Hussey	136.25
Iafolla Crushed Stone Co., Inc.	435.30
Ida's Shoppe	15.06
Brighton Ives	26.80
Leon R. Jellerson, M. D.	5.00
Jenney Mfg. Co.	264.23
Dr. W. F. Jerauld	11.00
Jerry's Diner	13.45
Rev. William Johnson	3.25
Lewis A. Joy	6.52
William A. Joy	258.00
George O. Jutras	89.91
Dr. John J. Keohan, Jr.	416.00
John Knight	6.35
William Langford	18.00
Bruce Littlefield	440.80
Loader	1,642.77
Loring, Short & Harmon	42.82
Mrs. Gerald Lynch	544.63
Maine General Hospital	1,277.90
Maine Municipal Association	55.00
Maine State Retirement System	1,111.42
Maine State Treas.	559.72
Henry P. McCabe	100.00
Mrs. Margaret McCarn	941.20
McIntire Memorial Funeral Home	115.00
Michael Metrick	5.61
George Michaud	1.75
F. Roger Miller	62.45
Millett, Fish & Dresser	375.00
Montgomery Ward	153.20
Raymond R. Morgridge	1,427.61
Morest's Little Store	119.91
Mrs. Emma Morley	120.00
W. W. Morse	4.00
Motor Equipment Service	7.00
John J. Murphy, M. D.	193.00
National Bank of Commerce	58,927.52
National School Studios, Inc.	10.00
Neal's Garage	.65
The New England Box Co.	63.20
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	421.88
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	914.92
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Serv.	32.40
No. Berwick Lumber Co.	10.08
Nutter's Rexall Store	60.50
W. Parent & Son	36.00
R. Pepsin & Son	8.00
Elmer Perkins	25.00
Frank D. Perkins Co.	30.84
F. Verrill Perkins	464.26
Woodvil Perkins	7.28
Ralph Pill Electric Supply Co.	35.43
Portland Tractor Co.	985.41
Postmaster	92.39
Public Service Co. of N. H.	21.01
Harland Quint	20.00
Ray's Electric Shop	30.00
Thomas F. Reid	5.60
Renaud's Tydol Station	62.70
Revere Corp. of America	164.00
Leon A. Richardson	27.95
Richfield Oil Corp. of N. Y.	7.20
Rideout's Hardware	247.96
Robbins Auto Supply Co.	223.11
"Roberts"	12.02
Arthur W. Roberts	36.00

George Roberts	25.00
Mrs. Aimee H. Robertson	56.00
Henry J. Ruch	207.70
Safa Alarm Division	160.50
George Shevelin	42.25
Barnett I. Shur	350.00
W. H. Shurtleff Co.	90.02
Freeman J. Smith Agency	320.00
Smith Highway Equipment Co.	20.11
John G. Smith, Register of Deeds	4.80
Socony Mobil Oil Co., Inc.	613.90
Socony Vacuum Oil Co.	780.09
South Berwick Fire Dept. - Payroll	2,000.00
South Berwick Sewer Co.	165.00
South Berwick, Town of	543.32
Town of South Berwick School Dept.	600.00
South Berwick Trust Co.	10,483.97
South Berwick Water Corp.	8,369.12
South Berwick Wrecking Co.	3.00
E. M. Spillane Store	18.04
Kathleen Spillane	49.00
Strafford Farms Dairy, Inc.	13.20
Stultz Electric Works	95.88
Sudbury Laboratory	30.50
Sullivan- Nowell Post American Legion	275.00
Ubald Thivierge	3.66
Tidewater Associated Oil Co.	262.43
Clement Tinker	1.60
Paul Tinkham	169.90
Arthur Toussaint	117.37
Paul E. Towne, Register of Deeds	166.60
Alice Tracy	125.60
Trafton & Perkins	137.25
No. 1 Truck	2,751.52
No. 2 Truck	2,177.77
Walter Truck	75.38
Turcotte's I. G. A.	32.40
Lionel D. Turcotte	309.90
U. S. Automobile & Truck Guide	8.00
Walter Truck Fund, Bond Holders	300.00
Herbert C. Warren	4.50
Albert Watkins	497.43
Town of Wells	100.00
Wentworth-Dover City Hospital	35.00
Whitehead's	4.43
Whiting's Stationery Co.	11.35
Windle Convalescent Home	46.00
P. A. Wood	589.00
York Hospital	99.44
York Manufacturing Co	5.00
The York Press	675.00

Notes Payable

	Date	Rate	Due	Amount
South Berwick Trust Co.:				
New Fire Station	8/26/47	2½%	$1,000.00 Annually	$2,000.00
Great Works and Salmon Falls Bridge	4/20/49	2½%	1,000.00 Annually	3,400.00
Truck and Snow Plow	4/20/49	2½%	1,000.00 Annually	1,000.00
				$ 6,400.00

Bonds Payable

National Bank of Commerce—Portland, Maine	
Serial Bonds No. 1-46, Dated May 15, 1952—Rate 2½% Due $3,000.00 Annually for 6 years beginning 5/15/55. Then $2,000.00 Annually for 14 years beginning 5/15/61	$43,000.00
Serial Bonds No. 1-56, Dated June 1, 1952—Rate 2¼% Due $3,000.00Annually for 14 years beginning 6/1/54. Then $2,000.00 Annually for 6 years beginning 6/1/68	48,000.00
	$91,000.00

TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:	Orig. Fund	Unexpended Income 12/31/55	Total
Sarah A Shorey South Berwick Trust Co. Book 89	$100.00	$150.04	$250.04
Lucy A. Gibbs Plummer South Berwick Trust Co. Book 91	$ 50.00	10.96	$ 60.96
No withdrawals during year			

Insurance Register

Item	Face Value	Premium	Term	Issuance Date	Expiration Date	Company & No.	Agent
Fire Station Bldg	10,000	252.50	3 yrs.	2/26/55	2/26/58	St. Mutual Ins. Co. No. 1910	Davis
Fire Station Bldg.	10,000	252.00	3 yrs.	2/26/54	2/26/57	Traders & Mechanics Ins. No. 18-207197	Perkins
Fire Station Contents	1,500	30.00	1 yr.	4/26/55	4/26/56	American Eagle No. 1216	Turcotte
Fire Truck-Fire ACV &	3,500	23.22	1 yr.	4/26/55	4/26/56	Cambridge Mutual No. A-66237	Turcotte
Fire Trucks Liability	10000/20000/5000	259.	1 yr.	4/26/55	4/26/56	Travels Mutual-MV-6984522	Turcotte
Fire Company-Accident	2,000	126.00	1 yr.	3/28/55	3/28/56	Employers - 43935	Davis
Town Trucks	20/20/5000	212.88	1 yr.	6/9/55	6/ 9/56	Aetna, No. 6CA-10239	Perkins
Walter Trucks	10/20/5000	72.00	½ yr.	11/8/55	5/8/56	Employers, No. XC-2414876	Davis
		72.00	½ yr.	11/8/55	5/8/56	Employers, No. XC-2414877	Davis
Loader	10/20/5000	82.91	1 yr.	6/21/55	6/21/56	Aetna No. 6CA-4318	Perkins
Comprehensive Bond	2000	162.85	1 yr.	3/30/55	3/30/56	American Fidelity No. 764599	Perkins
Workmen's Comp.		320.00	1 yr.	3/27/55	3/27/56	The Employers WC-3078167	Smith

Civic Center and Central School—250,000.00 Divided among Perkins, Davis, Ricker Agency, Dube, Smith & Turcotte

January 18, 1956

To The Board of Selectmen
South Berwick
Maine

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, we have examined the books and records of the Town of South Berwick, for the year ended December 31, 1955, and submit herewith the following exhibits and supporting schedules reflecting the results of the operations of the various appropriations and revenue accounts, together with the financial condition as at the close of the year:

This examination has consisted of an audit of the records of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Collector. No examination was made of any records kept by any other department.

We examined vouchers, ascertained that they were properly approved, correctly recorded, and charged to the proper department or appropriation account. We also examined disbursements of the Treasurer and ascertained that they were properly authorized.

All commitments of the taxes to the Collector were examined and determined to be properly accounted for, either in cash, properly authorized abatement, or yet remaining uncollected on the records of the Collector.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLETT, FISH & DRESSER

Town of South Berwick, Maine
Comparative Balance Sheet

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

	December 31, 1955		December 31, 1954	
Cash on Hand and in Bank		$31,023.61		$12,564.98
Accts Receivable (Schedule AIV)		5,817.52		553.35
Taxes Receivable (Sch. AI)	$7,214.58		$8,760.98	
Less: Reserve for Losses	928.95	6,285.63	1,167.74	7,593.24
Tax Liens (Sch. AII)	$2,839.82		$1,697.81	
Less: Reserve for Losses	67.27	2,772.55	67.27	1,630.54
Tax Deeds (Sch. AIII)	$1,641.51		$2,973.37	
Less: Reserve for Losses	426.79	1,214.72	1,656.92	1,316.45
Tax Acquired Property		976.79		976.79
Deferred Charges:				
Equipment (Revolving):				
Truck Funds	$ 479.44		$ 687.24	
Loader Fund	2,188.43	2,667.87	1,988.63	2,675.87
		$50,758.69		$ 27,311.22

LIABILITIES

	Dec. 31, 1955	Dec. 31, 1954
Accts Payable (Schedule AV)	$ 628.77	$ 832.08
Tax Anticipation Notes Payable	35,000.00	15,000.00
Walter Truck Fund:		
Bonds Payable		350.00
Unexpended Balances:		
Appropriations		
Revaluation	373.24	
State Aid Roads	332.94	
School Department	3,456.62	1,897.41
Library		385.00
Proceeds from Sale of Town Farm		4,500.00
Excise Taxes	2,006.28	962.66
Taxes Collected in Advance	46.50	36.68
General Fund Surplus (Exhibit "B")	8,914.34	3,347.39
	$50,758.69	$27,311.22

DEBT FUND

Net Long-term Debt	$97,400.00	$113,400.00
	$97,400.	$113,400.00
Notes Payable (Schedule AVI)	$ 6,400.00	$ 16,400.00
Bonds Payable (Schedule AVII)	91,000.00	97,000.00
	$97,400.00	$113,400.00

TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Funds:		
Sarah A. Shorey		
Savings Book No. 89	$ 250.04	$ 245.12
Lucy A. Plummer		
Savings Book No. 91	60.95	59.77
	$ 311.00	$ 304.89

Fund Principal	$ 150.00	$ 150.00
Unexpended Income	161.00	154.89
	$ 311.00	$ 304.89

Auditor's Certificate

To The Inhabitants Of The Town of South Berwick:

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That we have examined the accounts of your Treasurer, Collector and Selectmen for the year ended December 31, 1955, and find all funds properly accounted for and all expenditures supported by proper authorizations. In our opinion, the appended Balance Sheet fairly presents, in accordance with generally accepted principles of municipal accounting consistently maintained, the financial position of the Town of South Berwick as at December 31, 1955.

MILLETT, FISH & DRESSER

Under the Provisions of Chapter 361 of the 1947 Laws of the State of Maine, the Selectmen of South Berwick certify that a detailed report of the Audit is on file at the Town Manager's Office.

Harland C. Goodwin
Rene L. Benoit
Joseph J. Blackmore
Herbert B. Coffin
Simeon E. Marcotte
Kenneth R. Stowe

SELECTMEN OF SOUTH BERWICK

Report of the Budget Committee

For the

Town of South Berwick

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

January 31, 1956

To the Citizens of South Berwick:

The Budget Committee, elected for the purpose of reviewing the articles in the 1956 Warrant and for recommending amounts of money to be appropriated, respectfully submits the following report.

The Budget Committee held several meetings this year, during which the needs of each Department were carefully reviewed with the appropriate Town Officials. Each article of the following warrant which was submitted to the Committee has been carefully considered in the light of the Town's needs and its ability to pay. The recommendations which appear following each article of the Warrant represent the best judgment of the Budget Committee.

Using these recommendations and the estimated valuation of the Town for the year 1956, the tax rate is estimated to be approximately $53.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, or an increase of $2.00 over the tax rate of last year.

TOWN EXPENSES

Estimated municipal expenses show an increase of approximately $1,000.00, due primarily to an increase in the amount of highways requiring winter care by the Town when Route 103 is rerouted by the State, and also to recommend increases in Town salaries. These increases are offset in part by small decreases in several other accounts.

EDUCATION

The major increases in the total estimated appropriations appear in the school budget, which shows an increase of over $18,000.00. These higher school costs are the result of an increase of $30.00 in the tuition rate per student attending Berwick Academy. The new tuition rates became effective at the beginning of the 1955-56 school year,

and resulted not only in the spending of surplus funds in the school account, but also resulted in an overexpenditure during 1955. An estimated increase of 20 students at the Academy next year, the addition of one teacher at Central School and an estimated decrease in State and Federal subsidies account for the remaining increase.

CIVIC CENTER

Payment on the Civic Center this year drops to $6,000.00, as compared to $13,000.00 paid last year. However, since nearly $7,000.00 in Federal funds was applied against last year's scheduled payment, it was necessary to appropriate only a little more than the $6,000.00 required this year. Therefore, no appreciable reduction in cost to the Town will result this year.

While the budget for the coming year shows a considerable increase, it is the opinion of the Committee that the Budget represents what is necessary for the welfare of the Town. In view of the increase, it is especially important to give critical consideration to special petitions. The voters are reminded that each additional $2700.00 appropriated will add approximately $1 to the tax rate.

Respectfully submitted,

Reginald Clark, Chairman
Gordon Estabrooke, Secretary
Harold Bartlett
Gloria Roberge
Russell Goodwin
Walter Webster
Julian Jacyna
William Bray
Don Hillman
Archie Watts
Albina Morest

Comparison of 1955 and 1956 Budget

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1955	1956
Salaries of Town Officials	$ 5,890.00	$ 6,390.00
Town Office Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00
Incidentals	1,000.00	1,000.00
Clerical Assistance	2,000.00	2,250.00
Election Expenses	200.00	500.00
Printing Town Report	700.00	750.00
Social Security Benefits	600.00	500.00
	$11,390.00	$12,390.00
PROTECTION		
Police Dept.	$ 1,700.00	$ 1,700.00
Fire Dept.	4,000.00	4,000.00
Fire Dept. Insurance	750.00	500.00
Special Fire Dept. Equipment	1,224.40	1,150.00
Street Lights	3,284.88	3,512.88
Hydrant Rental	8,262.50	8,500.00
Civil Defense	250.00	250.00
	$19,471.78	$19,612.88
EDUCATION		
Common Schools	$39,800.00	$45,000.00
High School Tuition	31,700.00	40,000.00
Repairs, Equipment & Insurance	3,600.00	
Educational Administration	1,100.00	
School Nurse	500.00	
Incidentals	200.00	
School Lunch	1,000.00	1,000.00
Other Maintenance Items		9,590.00
School Bldg., Repairs, Soc. Sec., etc		1,000.00
	$77,900.00	$96,590.00
WELFARE		
Town Poor	$ 4,000.00	$ 3,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	800.00	600.00
	$ 4,800.00	$ 3,600.00

HIGHWAYS		
Highways, General	$ 8,000.00	$ 8,000.00
Winter Care	4,000.00	5,500.00
Bituminous Surfacing	3,000.00	3,000.00
State Aid	1,728.00	1,728.00
Rebuilding Town Streets	2,000.00	2,000.00
Winter Care—State Highways	240.00	240.00
Town Dump	500.00	500.00
Care of Trees	400.00	400.00
Old South Road	1,500.00	
	$21,368.00	$21,368.00

UNCLASSIFIED		
Interest	3,500.00	3,200.00
Abatements	500.00	500.00
Debt Reduction	8,279.00	8,000.00
Advertising		150.00
Memorial Day	275.00	275.00
Library	350.00	350.00
	12,904.00	12,475.00
Appropriation	147,833.78	166,035.88
County Tax	2,880.00	2,880.00
	150,713.78	168,915.88
Less Excise Taxes	12,000.00	14,000.00
Less Surplus	3,088.94	8,914.34
Total raised from Taxes	135,624.84	146,001.54

Warrant

STATE OF MAINE

YORK, S. S.

To Herbert C. Warren, Constable of the Town of South Berwick, in the County of York, and State of Maine: Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are required to notify the inhabitants of said Town of South Berwick, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Civic Center in said Town on Saturday, the third day of March A. D., 1956 at 6 o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the articles below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a Town Clerk, 3 Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, for three years, one member of the School Committee, Fire Chief and other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. Polls will be open from 6 A. M. to 2 P. M. Business session 7:30 P. M. at South Berwick Memorial Civic Center.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town; such loan or loans to be paid during the current municipal year out of money raised during said current municipal year by taxes.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen to borrow after January 1, 1957 in anticipation of taxes to be assessed and collected in the year 1957 a sum sufficient to cover the expenses incurred in the operation of the Town from January 1, 1957, until the date of the following regular Town Meeting, to be paid out of the appropriations for the then current municipal year out of money raised during said municipal year by taxation, and to issue the note or notes of the Town therefor, signed by the Selectmen and the

Town Manager, upon such rate of interest and otherwise upon such terms consistent with the foregoing as the Selectmen may determine to be most advantageous to the Town.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen, in behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, and execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen to sell and assign unmatured tax mortgage liens for not less than the amount unpaid and interest and costs thereon.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Collector of taxes to charge and collect interest at a rate of six per cent, to be retroactive from September 1, 1956, on all taxes uncollected as of November 1, 1956.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to elect a Budget Committee for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to have a street light installed on pole No. 39-10, located on Witchtrot Road, near the home of Kurt Drasdo and raise the sum of $13.50 to pay service on said light.

Budget Committee Recommends Discussion.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to hold its annual Town Meetings on a Saturday in March.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Incidental Expenses.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,000.00.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries of Town Officers.

Budget Committee Recommends $6,390.00. (Town Clerk, $150.00, Fire Chief, $500.00, Assistant Fire Chief $100.00, School Board $60.00 (to be transferred to Support of Schools Maintenance Account), Board of Health $80.00, Town Manager $4,500.00, Town Manager Expenses $500.00, Revaluation $500.00).

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to reappropriate the unexpended balance of the 1955 revaluation account for use in 1956.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the expenses of the Town Office.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,000.00.

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of furnishing clerical assistance in the Town Office.

Budget Committee Recommends $2,250.00.

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of paying moderator, tellers and election officers.

Budget Committee Recommends $500.00.

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for printing the Town Report.

Budget Committee Recommends $750.00.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to pay the Town's share of Employee's benefits under the Social Security act, as Passed by the Town, per Article 12, of the 1953 Warrant.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

PROTECTION

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Police Protection.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,700.00.

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the rent of hydrants for Fire Protection.

Budget Committee Recommends $8,500.00.

ARTICLE 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of the Fire Department.

Budget Committee Recommends $4,000.00.

ARTICLE 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights.

Budget Committee Recommends $3,512.88.

ARTICLE 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing accident insurance for the Firemen, and to insure the Fire Trucks against liability and fire, and Fire House against fire.

Budget Committee Recommends $500.00.

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civil Defense and Public Safety.

Budget Committee Recommends $250.00.

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of fire hose and tires for the Fire Department.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,150.00.

CHARITIES

ARTICLE 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee Recommends $600.00.

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Support of Poor.

Budget Committee Recommends $3,000.00.

EDUCATION

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Superintending School Committee to make a contract with Berwick Academy for the education of Secondary School children.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Support of Schools, Maintenance.

Budget Committee Recommends $94,590. (Common Schools $45,000, High School Tuition $40,000, Other Maintenance Items $9,590.)

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for school building repairs, social security, etc.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,000.00.

ARTICLE 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for School Lunch Program.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,000.00.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Superintending School Committee to transfer the unexpended balance of the money received under Public Law 815 to the regular school repairs account.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to elect a committee to study and plan for the providing of secondary school education for South Berwick youth as necessitated by the termination of the educational status of Berwick Academy as set forth in the letter from Commander Goodwin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, to the South Berwick School Committee, dated February 7, 1956; said Committee to consist of the following: 3 members of the Superintending School Committee, 3 members of the Board

of Selectmen, Town Manager, Superintendent of Schools, and 1 more member to be selected at the annual Town Meeting; a total of nine members.

HIGHWAYS

ARTICLE 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Budget Committee Recommends $8,000.00.

ARTICLE 35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Winter Care of Highways and Sidewalks.

Budget Committee Recommends $5,500.00.

ARTICLE 36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Bituminous Surfacing for roads.

Budget Committee Recommends $3,000.00.

ARTICLE 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid Roads Construction (in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges) under the provision of Section 25 and 29, Chapter 20, Revised Statutes of 1944, as amended.

Budget Committee Recommends $1,728.00.

ARTICLE 38. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the rebuilding of Town Streets.

Budget Committee Recommends $2,000.00.

ARTICLE 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of Trees.

Budget Committee Recommends $400.00.

ARTICLE 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance, including snow removal of State Highway.

Budget Committee Recommends $240.00.

ARTICLE 41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of the Town Dump.

Budget Committee Recommends $500.00.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to improve the road from Emery's Bridge Community Hall to the house occupied by the heirs of Lorenzo Hooper.

Budget Committee Recommends no appropriation.

UNCLASSIFIED

ARTICLE 43. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Interest.

Budget Committee Recommends $3,200.00.

ARTICLE 44. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Abatements.

Budget Committee Recommends $500.00.

ARTICLE 45. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

Budget Committee Recommends $275.00.

ARTICLE 46. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the free Public Library.

Budget Committee Recommends $350.00.

ARTICLE 47. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for advertising our natural resources, advantages and attractions, under the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, of the Revised Statutes. Said money to be expended through the State of Maine Publicity Bureau.

Budget Committee Recommends no appropriation.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $150.00 for advertising the resources and facilities of the Town of South Berwick, the same to be disbursed by the South Berwick Board of Trade.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Committee of seven to prepare a zoning and building code, and same to be presented at the next annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to build a garage and shed to house the Town-owned equipment and raise a sum of money for the same.

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to dispose of the present Town garage and sell the lot of land that it is situated on.

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the pulpwood on the socalled town farm wood lot.

ARTICLE 53. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay outstanding notes.

Budget Committee Recommends $8,000.00 ($1,000.00 Bridge Note; $1,000.00 Fire Station Note; $6,000.00 Civic Center Bonds.)

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to allocate Motor Vehicle Excises and unappropriated surplus to reduce the amount of money to be raised from property taxes.

Budget Committee Recommends Adoption.

Hereof Fail Not and have you there and then this warrant with your doings thereon.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the above named hall and place of meeting on Saturday, March 3, 1956 from 6 o'clock in the forenoon until the polls are closed, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hand in the Town of South Berwick, this second day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty six.

HARLAND C. GOODWIN
RENE L. BENOIT
JOSEPH J. BLACKMORE
HERBERT B. COFFIN
SIMEON E. MARCOTTE
KENNETH R. STOWE
Selectmen of South Berwick

A true copy—Attest

Herbert C. Warren
Constable

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